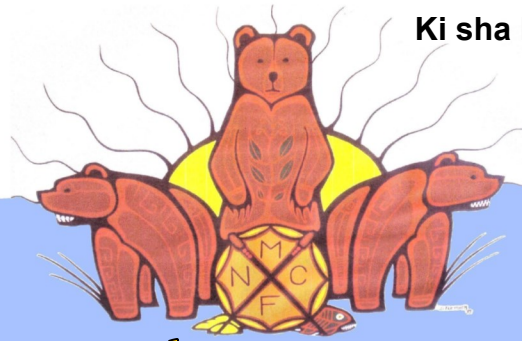


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Missanabie Cree First Nation



International Mother Language Day is an observance held annually on February 21 worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. Its observance was formally recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution establishing 2008 as the International Year of Languages.

Our people have always maintained that our languages are important, and have tried in many ways to relearn, and revitalize our languages. There are many reasons why our indigenous languages are not being spoken by our people, most having to do with residential school, and the impacts of colonialism on our communities and way of life. But there is hope, as our people begin to take responsibility for governance and for education, and as our indigenous scholars seek to understand the philosophy and world view embedded in our languages.

The Missanabie Cree have undertaken to do more to promote the Cree language and culture. Our cultural coordinator, Matthew Wesley, has begun language lessons twice weekly in the MCFN boardroom. He has also initiated a group on Facebook on the learning of the Cree language. Activities sponsored by MCFN Program Development are also posted. Please check out this Facebook group, the Missanabie Cree Language Corner and Activities Bulletin.

Happy Valentines Day to MCFN family and friends.

Events/Gatherings:

Great Moon Gathering

February 13-14, 2014 Fort Albany, ON
www.greatmoongatheing.com

Embrace Life Forum - Empowering Families Through Taking Responsibility

February 18-19, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nan.on.ca/article/embrace-life-forum-2014-1910.asp

Seventh Annual Mushkegowuk Cup 2014

February 21-23, 2014
www.mushkegowuk.ca

International Mother Language Day February 21, 2014

NAN Treaty Conference and Special Chiefs Assembly

February 26-28, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON
www.nan.on.ca/article/event-1914.asp

AFOA National Conference

February 25-27, 2014 Halifax, NS
www.afoa.ca

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Message from the Chief

All my relations...

Well it seems like I finished one newsletter article and started on the next. I attended the Mushkegowuk Annual General Assembly in Fort Albany and it was a great experience. Although I have been there before, I was able to engage with community members and elders of the James Bay region. The community was very hospitable and welcoming. I look forward to visiting these communities again in the future. I was able to discuss with the staff of Mushkegowuk what the needs of our community are and strategies in collaboratively meeting those needs. I am looking forward to working more with our Tribal Council.

I will be meeting face to face with the Phase II Gordon Cosens Forestry Management planners, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding the Modernization of the Mining Act, NSRCF (Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum), Ministry of Natural Resources, Kuuwanimano Child and Family Services, and Nishnawbe Aski-Nation this month. We (Chief and Council) are also trying to schedule a meeting with the Elders Council and the staff in the near future.

We met with Ontario and Federal Government Representatives regarding the Land Transfer to address our

next steps. I felt this was both a successful and hopeful meeting.

I will be posting as much information as I can over the next month on the www.missanabiecree.com website, so keep an eye out for more reports and information.

There are many more initiatives coming down the road. Hopefully we will have a new Facebook page for all to comment on by the end of March.

Hoping people can attend, either by Skype or webcast during the open band meeting on the 22nd of February. I have always given anyone who wishes to speak to me an open ear, so keep the open band meeting positive. I would like everyone to please keep in mind all of our Seven Grandfather Teachings.

The MCFN website at www.missanabiecree.com should have more details closer to the date, so again, keep an eye out on the webpage.

As always you can call me at the office to chat, or email me. I am always looking forward to hearing from any and all.

With much love,

Chief Jason Gauthier

Messages from Council

Whachay, MCFN members and family.

Since my last newsletter submission, I participated in the January Governance workshop held by Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum (NSRCF) hosted by Chapleau Cree First Nation. Discussion on leadership styles, presentation by the Ministry of Natural Resources on a revenue sharing pilot project and regular NSRCF business occurred.

Moving forward, an open Missanabie Cree band meeting is scheduled on February 22nd. I look forward to seeing the citizenship in person at the Toronto location and via internet at the Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie locations. Please visit the missanabiecree.com website for logistical information which will be posted soon.

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

Victoria Pezzo
MCFN Deputy Chief

Hello, Everyone,

Just wanted to say that this has been a very challenging step in my life as a councillor. My hat goes off to previous Chiefs and Councilors and Band Administrators of MCFN that have made a difference, kept the members informed, and worked at moving the community forward in a positive way, and to bringing us together each year. I am looking forward to meeting with everyone during the open band meeting that is scheduled for February 22.

I am currently working with Matthew Wesley to familiarize him with the Manitou Mountain initiative. He will be translating the Manifesto into Cree which may potentially end up on the signs that will be placed on Manitou Mountain for its protection.

The finalization of the Land Transfer Implementation is moving along at a very slow place. We had our first presentation and update with the current Chief and Council and the Implementation Coordinator, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs on January 29. We are currently

Messages from Council

waiting on Bell Canada and Great Lakes Power to sign off on the easements and for MNR Wawa to proceed with issuance of patent documents transferring the Transfer Lands from Ontario to Missanabie Cree Holdings Inc.

The negotiations involving the Castle/Maple Leaf busi-

ness between Chief and Council and potential buyers have not resulted in an agreement satisfactory to both sides. Discussion will continue. Therefore, as of yet, we have not agreed on the final outcome but our decision will be forthcoming.

Isabell Souliere

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that I travelled to Sault Ste. Marie at the beginning of November to attend our Strategic Planning Session. While the meetings went extremely well, and I think, gave us direction and clarity, I would have to admit that a favourite part of this was spending some time with my mom and dad, Hazel and John Fletcher.

My husband drove us to the Sault, and my dad sat in the passenger's seat. I was amazed at the stories he told about working on the ships in the Great Lakes, being a postman in Sault Ste. Marie, and his memories of Shingwauk. I was amazed because there were new things to learn about my father's experiences. As I was sitting in the back seat, I realized how lucky I am to not only to have my family close by, but am able to still share these journeys with both my mom and my dad. My husband felt special because he was learning about my parents' experiences at the same time I was!

At the beginning of January, Chief and Council were set to meet in Toronto. While I am nervous about flying, I was packed and ready to go. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided to intervene, and I was not able to fly out of Thunder Bay, due to the weather. I did attend the meetings via telephone, however, I truly missed the interaction between myself and the other members of council.

I remain positive and optimistic that your Chief and Council are remaining true to our First Nation. While we don't always agree with each other, I believe we respect each other's right to have a different opinion.

We are still a new Chief and Council, and there will be learning to be done. However, given the scope of projects this Chief and Council inherited, I believe that we are doing a good job in reviewing and discussing what direction we believe our First Nation should take.

If you as a citizen of our First Nation have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email us all.

Take care, Bobbi Fletcher-DeCorte

From the desk of:

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Hello, Everyone,

I've been working on a variety of activities. Presently we have a language & activities corner page on Facebook that lists all of our activities and classes. Our language lessons are posted on this page as well. Our language instructor, Matthew Wesley is here at the office. Once you review the lessons, you can call in at any time and review the lessons with him.

Our healthy snack program runs once a month when you can come in to our office and pick up snacks and healthy recipes to make for your children, Please make sure you are registered for this. This is for parents with children that are grade 8 and under, as well as expecting mothers.

Our craft classes are being held twice a month, we are

presently making mitts. If you are interested in learning this and are out of town, please contact me at the office and we can arrange to get you started on making mitts or whatever craft you may be interested in. We will send instructions and materials to get you started.

Our Family Support Worker, Jody from Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services will be here the week of February 18-21, 2014. Any one wishing to make an appointment with her, please contact me here at the office for times.

A family activity will be held on February 18, 2014 in the evening, More details to follow.

Anyone wanting notifications of activities through my email (lgagnon@missanabiecree.com) please send me your email.

Lesley Gagnon

Community News and Notes

Whatchay to All:

I wish to share a letter which I had sent to Chief and Council back in November 4th 2013, with regards to the withdrawal of my name from the list of candidates for the position of Band Manager.

My intent is to share with the citizens at large a firsthand observation of the incredible endurance that must be possessed by any person taking on this position. I make these observation based on a working experience within administration that spans a forty five plus year period. My feelings remain the same, and I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the persons, past and present, who had the courage to step up to the challenge, and especially those who took on the task over a long period of time.

Here is the letter in its entirety:

“As I had originally approached Chief & Council, asking if it would be proper for me to apply for the position of Band Manager, I now find it equally proper to follow that same procedure to inform Chief & Council that I will be withdrawing my name from the running.

This is not a casual decision on my part, but has been a long and thoughtful process.

In my observation, the position of Band Manager can be a daunting one with much work and sometimes little appreciation for the hard decisions that have to be made.

This condition is further compounded by our unique situation of having mostly closely related individuals making up a large part of our administration staff.

Although I realize I do possess a certain amount of respect in my position as Bookkeeper, I do not feel I command the caliber of respect that is needed to take on the Band Manager position and be as effective as the position requires.

I must admit I already realized this but; in an attempt to aid our finances by combining the two positions of Bookkeeper/Band Manager I really thought I was up to the challenge.

Careful consideration has now made me realize that perhaps a person with no vested interest in our First Nation would be a better choice for this position.

I wish to take this opportunity to say “Chi Meegwetch” for your show of confidence in my ability to be the “Interim Supervisor” and to thank you for your support during this transition period.

Yours in Spirit of Appreciation,”

Louise Campbell

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

Community News and Notes



MIIGWECH!

A very big Thank You to our new Chief and Council for our party, held on December 15, 2013. We had forty people at the do. The food and the music was just great. Paul Fletcher's granddaughter won the door prize picked by Glenn Nolan. Hope we can do it again. All the best for 2014.

Hazel Fletcher
Thunder Bay, ON

Happy Birthday
to Rebecca Ouellet
Jan 30, 2014
Love Ted O



Happy Valentine's Day!



MCFN Bear Fax Newsletter Online

The Bear Fax newsletter will be going online at the MCFN website: www.missanabieecree.com beginning with the February 2014 issue.

Events, gatherings, and other items of interest will also be posted to the Events Calendar on our website. Please check often.

If you prefer to read our newsletter online, please call Ted Ouellet, the Registration Administrator, to have your name removed from the newsletter mailing list.

Miigwech, for helping us reduce costs and save trees.

News Items

INNINUWOK OSH-CHI - FOR THE PEOPLE - THE OMUSHKEGOWUK WALKERS

KIRKLAND LAKE - A group from Attawapiskat First Nation walked through Kenogami on Saturday as they make their way to Ottawa.

Dan Metatawabin, spokesman for the walkers said, the walk is an attempt to send a message to both the federal and provincial governments that it is time to honour treaty rights and it is time to start a dialogue.

The group is 11 walkers and two guides left Attawapiskat at 8:20 a.m. Jan 4, and the goal is to arrive in Ottawa the last week of February. They walk about 30 kilometres a day and usually stay with host First Nations along their journey. Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence is one of the walkers headed to Ottawa.

Metatawabin said they have been fortunate to receive a lot of support from host communities and they usually spend a few days in the host community. While in the Kirkland Lake area they are being hosted by Matachewan and Beaverhouse First Nations.

Their next stop will be in Temagami where they will be hosted by Bear Island First Nation and then North Bay where Nipissing First Nation will host them.

Metatawabin noted that they have a Facebook page, called Reclaim our Steps, past present and future. He updates this on a regular basis as the group continues its walk to Ottawa.

(www.northernnews.ca/2014/02/02/attawapiskat-first-nation-members-marching-to-ottawa)

MCFN Events Calendar

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February Birthday Greetings

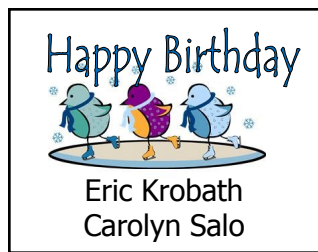
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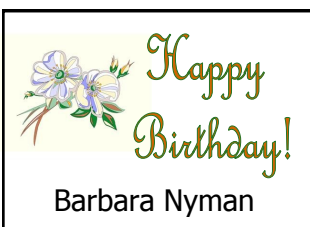
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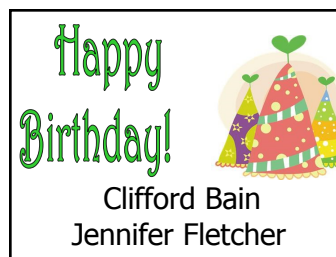
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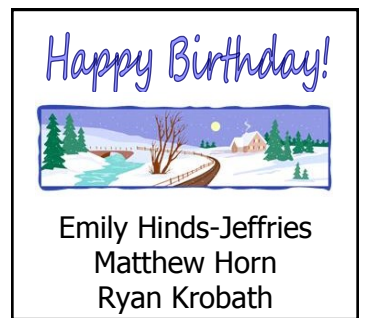
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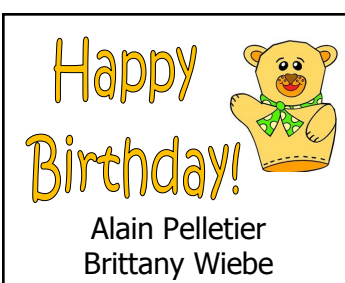
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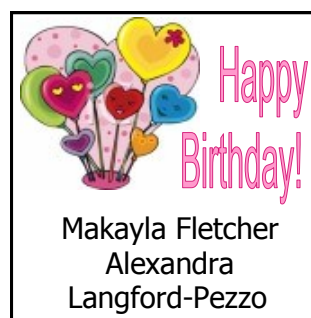
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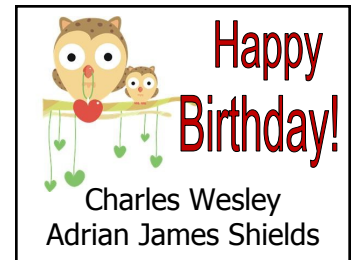
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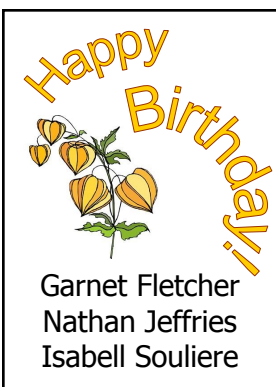
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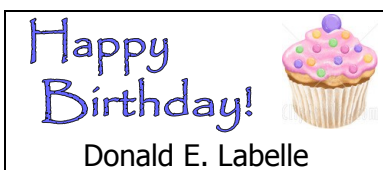
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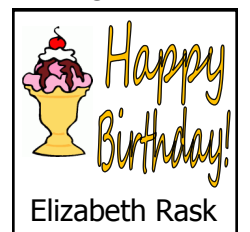
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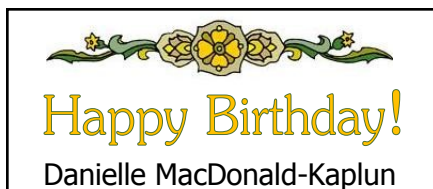
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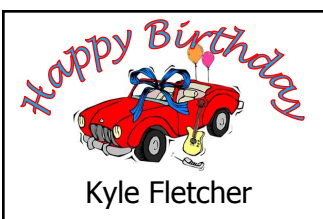
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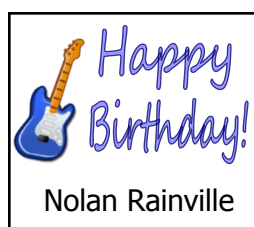
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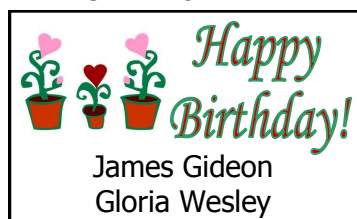
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Members in Passing Memories



Patricia Morrison (Nolan)
In Loving Memory
July 28, 1934 -
June 4, 1986

What do I miss most about my Mom? When we discussed doing this piece for the newsletter, I readily agreed with my sister and brothers, but now as I sit in

front of my computer, I don't know where to start. What do I share in just a few short paragraphs about the mom she was to me, to us? For those who didn't know her, I wish you had. She was a loving, giving, kind, forgiving, funny, beautiful, inside and out, woman and I am so very grateful that she was my Mom. She gave me so much. She taught me about unconditional love, passion for what I believed in, to speak up for myself and for those who can't, and forgiveness. It was bountiful. My first memories of my Mom was her singing lullabies to me, Hush Little Baby, Rock a Bye Baby, Maa Maa song, I loved her voice and she read the Nursery Rhymes to us. I also remember the first books she gave me - Heidi when I was six and at home with the measles and Ann of Green Gables & Ann of Avonlea when I was 10. Of course there were other books in between but these were my favourites and I read them over and over again.

Even as an adult, I would crawl into bed with her and we'd read together, laugh and talk and talk. She would tell me stories about her mom, Carrie Nolan (Fletcher) and how much she missed her. Her mom died when she was only 42 years old. She talked about what it was like after her mom died and how much she loved her brothers and sisters...and how heart-broken she was when Donny & Margaret passed away. She also would talk about how grateful she was to have her sister Lois in her life and they grew closer after Donny & Marg passed. She always saw her as the baby sister in their family and loved her children as her own.

Mom was a very well respected worker/woman in Sault Ste. Marie. She worked at Women In Crisis for several years before becoming ill...she loved her work and they loved her. She always wanted to help people. If someone was in need, she was there with a helping hand. I remember as a child, many of our family & friends would come to our home and play cards or sit around playing the guitar, violin and sing. I remember falling asleep to the old classic country tunes. The only country songs I like are still the old classics.

In closing I want to say, how very proud I am of my Mother. She was and still is my Role Model. Her faith was unwavering and her hope - solid. I can't really say what I miss the most, I miss all of her, her voice, her hands on my cheeks as she gave me a great big ole' smooch, her laugh, her friendship and her total and unconditional love. She loved her children with a passion and I am so very thankful that the Creator gave her to us...I still miss her terribly and her joy and fun loving nature. Miigwetch for allowing me to give you a little insight into my relationship/friendship with our Mom.

Oldest child of Patricia Nolan and Frank McLeod,
 Carol Nolan

Hi Everyone,

I'm John, the first son of Patsy Nolan and Frank McLeod. My Mom was an excellent singer and there was always music in the house. Everyone would come to the house to sing and play music and drink on paydays. Mom's favourite singers were Kitty Wells and Patsy Cline - she sounded just like Patsy Cline.

After Mom moved to the Soo, her and Terri-Lee came up to Camp Missanabie to visit me and Rick, and go fishing. She loved to be in the bush and to spend the day on the lake. It was a really nice visit, with talks and cards in the evenings.

Members in Passing Memories



Wachay, Everyone,

My name is Rick; second son of Frank McLeod and Patsy Nolan. I have been wanting to share a couple of conversations that took place between my mom and I when I was a few years younger.

One winter a number of years ago, she asked me if I would give her a hand with some baking during the Christmas holidays and of course I agreed, because as a beginning cook at a local restaurant here in the Soo, I wanted to learn as much as I could. So began my experience with baking Christmas fruitcake and cookies and such. The process wasn't too tough, but the mixing part was, but I got through it ok.

Anyway, as many of you know when you have company doing anything you tend to chat about many events and experiences from your past.

My mother told me about a little lady (I think elderly) in Missanabie that showed her how to make donuts when she was a young girl; about the mixing and how to prepare the dough for frying. This lady got the fat heated up and put a bowl of water on the side of her dough bowl. My mother didn't know what this water was for so she asked and was told for sticking the braided donuts together. So they started to fry up the donuts and my mom helped sugar the round donuts and she said that when they were about three quarters done this little lady be-

gan braiding the dough to make the bigger braided ones. My mom figured she must have forgotten she was there because at the end of each braid, instead of dipping her fingers in the water she licked her thumb and stuck her donut ends together. This was one of many little tidbits she shared with me.

I loved hearing about her younger years. I do miss our little get-togethers. I want to thank you for taking the time to read this. I'm sure my mother would appreciate it too.

Hello There,

I'm Terri-Lee Montgomery, youngest child of Patsy Nolan and Frank McLeod. Due to alcoholism in my family, I lived with my Aunt Margaret Rose Nolan, Uncle Allan Gagnon and little cousin Lesley, from about the age of three until about 11 years of age. I don't remember any of the drinking, so my history is different from my siblings. I remember my mom in sobriety. A.A. and its fellowship was a part of our lives. She had lots of friends who loved and respected her as she grew in her sobriety. When she got sick, her friends visited and even held A.A. meetings at the house.

She taught me that I could be proud to be Native- and encouraged me to learn the language, traditions and art. I worked for Freddie when I was a teen, at the local Friendship Centre. She taught me to love the outdoors, with camping for our summer holidays, and also taught me love for family. We always visited and stayed with family-especially Aunt Lois and Uncle Paul's in Sudbury. It was a wonderful time.

I especially loved her crazy sense of humour. She would say, "Say this fast! One smart feller he felt smart. Two smart fellers, they both felt smart. Three smart fellers they all felt smart!" Then she'd laugh and tease us about it. I am glad I had those years with her but I really miss her still.

Opportunities

Job Posting



Job Title	Log Crane Operator
Location	Wawa
Competition Number	W-106
Competition Closing Date	February 28, 2014
Job Summary: Operates a radial log crane to lift logs inbound to the mill from log trucks, then move, and place logs on a radial receiving deck. Performs preventive maintenance and daily safety inspections on the crane and associated equipment. Works to ensure the safety of the work area, and to ensure that potential for accidents or damage to personnel or machinery due to mishandled loads is minimized.	
Key Responsibilities: Daily job assignments will entail the following along with associated activities in support of safe and efficient operation of the mill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates tower cranes (approximately 20 meters high with a boom extending up to approximately 50 meters) to lift, move and place logs transported by truck to the mill site; • Performs pre-operational inspections with a focus on safety and operational functionality; • Performs routine preventive maintenance inspections and associated maintenance work including cleaning and lubricating cranes; • Performs other duties as assigned inside the mill including mobile equipment operation, controlling process machinery and performing associated preventive maintenance and safety inspections and procedures; • Completes reports as required and inputs data to computer system using electronic input devices. 	
Hours of Work and Other Details: 40 hours per week	
Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of secondary school or equivalent. • Literacy skills including reading, writing and speaking English. French language skills desirable. • Basic computer skills to enable accurate entry of data and generation of routine business correspondence over the company intranet. • Completion of college or industry courses in crane operating is desirable. • Tower crane operator trade certification or registration as an Apprentice may be required. • Successful completion of an internal company certification as a log crane operator will be a requirement for on-going employment. 	
Apply by email to resumes@ashbournemanagement.com <i>Resumes should be submitted in MS Word file format. Include the competition number. We acknowledge all submissions received by the Competition Closing Date and will contact those selected for interviews. Applications received after the Competition Closing Date may not be considered.</i>	

Opportunities

Job Posting



Job Title	Industrial Electrician
Location	Wawa
Competition Number	W-104
Competition Closing Date	February 28, 2014
Job Summary:	
Performs installation, calibration, maintenance and repair of a range of machinery and electronic controls in a highly automated fibre processing operation.	
Key Responsibilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installs, calibrates, replaces and/or repairs electrical components. Tests equipment and components for current, continuity and voltage. • Maintains, repairs and tests switchgears, transformers, regulators and motors along with associated drives and gearboxes. Maintains and tests motors, generator and control systems. • Troubleshoots industrial controls systems and devices; interprets electrical code specifications; ensures compliance with code specifications within Ontario Electrical Safety Code. • Optimizes facility's process systems while improving reliability and up-time of all machinery for 24/7 operation. • Plans and conducts preventive maintenance programs. Maintains equipment to ensure maximum throughput and quality of end product. • Maintains inventory of stored material and replacement parts. Updates and maintains maintenance records in support of ISO elements. 	
Hours of Work and Other Details: 40 hours per week	
Qualifications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 5 years of practical experience as an Industrial Electrician. • Industrial Electrician Trade Certification – Red Seal desirable. • Community College/vocational or technical training as Journeyman Electrician. • Knowledge of Electrical Safety Authority regulations, Occupational Health & Safety regulations. • Strong troubleshooting/problem skills. • Computer savvy with capabilities to work inside a complex ERP technology environment. 	
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Opportunities

Job Posting



Job Title	Industrial Millwright
Location	Wawa
Competition Number	W-105
Competition Closing Date	February 28, 2014
Job Summary:	
Handles the rigging, setting and mechanical performance, together with preventive maintenance programs and repair, for a floor plan of mechanical equipment and process machinery in a high speed processing operation.	
Key Responsibilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for installation and assembly of machinery and equipment. • Tests, calibrates and makes adjustments to equipment ensuring system optimization. • Provides support in troubleshooting/irregularities and malfunctions; demonstrates a 'sense of urgency' in achieving results while ensuring operator safety devices function properly on completion of repairs modifications and installations. • Operates machining tools to fabricate parts required during overhaul maintenance or set-up. • Programs PLC's (programmable logic controllers). • Performs routine and preventative maintenance work including cleaning and repairing machinery and equipment. • Maintains inventory of stored material and replacement parts. Updates and maintains maintenance records in support of ISO elements. 	
Hours of Work and Other Details: 40 hours per week	
Qualifications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 5 years of practical experience as an Industrial Millwright. • Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) Trade Certification. • Community College/vocational or technical training as a Millwright • Comprehensive knowledge of Occupational Health & Safety regulations • Strong troubleshooting/problem skills • Computer savvy with capabilities to work inside a complex ERP technology environment. 	
<p>Apply by email to resumes@ashbournemanagement.com</p> <p>Resumes should be submitted in MS Word file format. Include the competition number.</p> <p>We acknowledge all submissions received by the Competition Closing Date and will contact those selected for interviews. Applications received after the Competition Closing Date may not be considered.</p>	

MCFN Elders Council

NextBridge

January 8-9/14

Consultation NextBridge Infrastructure.

I attended meetings as an Elder representing MCFN. The interest in the meetings has to do with our land. They want to build new roads and upgrade existing ones enabling them to bring in larger machinery. This project could be beneficial to our First Nation as it would bring jobs in the construction work for NextBridge, the Mining Industry and open roads to make it more accessible for us. It also can make power more cheaper for us in the future. The ramifications for our First Nation for allowing the company to access our land could be huge. However, opening up new roads to the area can also cause greater problems.

For me, I see a lot of concern with the environment. It will bring more traffic to the area, cutting of trees will cause more pollution. Our land, lakes, and rivers will become more polluted with the opening up of the area. I can remember as a kid, how the power company came in and did what they wanted regardless of what the people said. It is not only a concern for our people who are living in the area; there are also concerns for our neighbours who live along side of our area. That is my vision

East-West Tie Transmission Project January 8 - 9, 2014.

Day 1, January 8

An Open House was held between Nextbridge (one of three corporate consultant partners) and the MCFN Chief, Councilors and respected Elders. Presentations were given by Brian Hay, Director of Aboriginal Relations, and Jennifer Tidmarch, Project Director and Community Engagement.

The purpose of the Open House was to discuss the overviews of a Power Line. This huge collaboration is called East-West Tie Transmission Project and would stretch approximately 400 km. This power line would run parallel

to the existing one and would increase the double-circuit 230 kv (kilovolt) to 650 mv (megavolt). Transformer stations at Thunder Bay and Ottawa would require upgrades to Hydro One Networks Inc. Also included is an alternate route which may avoid potentially sensitive features, for example, Pukaskwa National Park. Many questions were asked about the "Right of Way". What effect would this have on the environment, landscape and wildlife? Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the power line and the "Right of Way"? As Elders, we are "Stewards" when it comes to the preservation of Mother Earth and the protection of Waters, Medicines, Ceremonial Grounds, Burial Grounds, herding and denning of animals, traplines, etc.

but this company may have better ways and techniques and better rules to follow now.

NextBridge brought out their maps of the area they are possibly interested in. One of the maps showed an area I was concerned about right inside our (MCFN) area. We then made a suggestion to have a better map made up. The map they had does not show exactly the areas they are interested in. MCFN has maps that were made up a couple years ago that are more clearer. These maps have all the concerns our people are interested in and why they are important to us as a First Nation. There are areas marked off for sacred sights, burial grounds, hunting and fishing sights, etc. There are also ceremonial sights our people have always been interested in as well.

This meeting was the first meeting they had and there are other First Nations involved in this area too. In the future I would like to see what concerns other First Nations have with this project. I believe this project is way bigger than just the area they are showing on the map. It was suggested by us for NextBridge to have their next meeting with MCFN conducted at our Annual Gathering in August of 2014. This would involve more of our people in what is happening and receive more feedback as to their concerns as well.

Ted Nolan

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Nextbridge would acquire the proper permits, environmental studies, etc. that would have to meet all the standards of the Province of Ontario. Nextbridge's hurdle is to meet with fourteen other First Nation as well as four Metis groups to present the East-West Tie Transmission Project. The proposed targeted service date is the first half of 2018.

It is our responsibility to take this information back to our MCFN family and collect additional information and concerns that we may "Do it right the First Time Round".
Day 2 - January 9, 2014

We began with opening prayer followed by introductions and review of Day 1's information. Due to the bad

weather, and joining the discussion late were Merv McLeod and Nancy Wood. They are a company called MWA. (McLeod Wood Associates). They specialize in nurturing positive relationships between First Nation communities, government and private sector companies. Merv and Nancy brought with them some aerial maps of the proposed power line.

More meetings are expected in the near future. All in all, it was informative and we take this time to say Miigwech. We look forward to our next meeting. If there are any concerns or information you wish to convey, please contact the Chief or Councilors.

Elder Laura-Lee Fletcher-Rawlyk (Aski Esquao)

Governance Project Update

Dear Members, Family and Friends of MCFN.

Watchaye/Greetings from the Governance committee. We hope everyone is safe and trying to enjoy this winter season so far.

We have a few new members, they are Kyle Bateson, James Nolan and Terri Lou Fletcher. They join Deb Fletcher Ewing, Jackie Fletcher and Elizabeth Angeconeb. We thank the outgoing members, Louise Campbell, Jason Gauthier, Craig Gideon, and Victoria Pezzo for all your hard work, dedication and commitment.

The work of the Governance Committee is ongoing and will continue to be a work in progress, as long as it takes to complete the important tasks of developing ways, codes and policies for our people to have clear understandings of how we want to self govern.

We meet a few times a year and have regular teleconferences. At these meetings we go over existing codes for refinement, revisit our past objectives, progress and achievements, as well as set our goals, agendas and intentions for the up coming months. We review existing policy, help choose and approve members, volunteers/students for research and development, oversee sub-committees and make recommendations to Chief and Council.

The last few years since the Governance Committee has been formed have been exciting times for our first nation. Just imagine us creating our own rules, writing them down and living by them. The place that these rules are coming from are our own. The principles and values coming from our vision statement that we as a people collectively came up with. Yes this work takes time, patients, trial and error but when our members finally approve these codes they will be our own, specific to the requirements of MCFN and the betterment of us as a whole. It may be that we don't ratify until our language is restored because it may be until then that we fully understand ourselves as indigenous Cree people, the Creator only knows. We give thanks and gratitude, praying and smudging with our sacred medicines for positive progress at our meetings.

We hope this note helps give our members some insights or reminders of what our Governance Committee does. We welcome any and all input from our members. Feel free to contact us through the band office.

It is our wish that health and happiness find you and guide you along life's path.

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Terri Lou Fletcher

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

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



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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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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