

# BEAR FAX

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Missanabie Cree First Nation



*The children of MCFN families at our Annual Gathering in 2009.*

## Our Children, Our Future

In Canada, National Child Day is celebrated each year on November 20th to mark the day of the adoption of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child, which occurred in 1989.

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 has put forward a motion to the Tribunal to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that "funding is not a service". The Chair has

reserved judgement. Interested supporters can observe the progress of this human rights case by signing on as a witness at [www.fnwitness.ca](http://www.fnwitness.ca).

It is a sad fact that many of our children are in need of protection, although traditionally, Indigenous families and communities considered children to be very precious and deserving of our love, nurturance and protection. This is the legacy of residential schools, that many people are working to change in our communities. A list of resources that are available to families, as well as organizations concerned with child welfare issues can be found on page 14.

**"Children are one third of our population and all of our future."**

*~Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, 1981*



## RATIFICATION VOTE ON THE LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The Voting Period for the Ratification of the Land Transfer Agreement ends at midnight on **November 15, 2010**. Please mail your ballot before the voting period ends.

The voting package has been mailed out to each elector with a current address listed with the Registration Administrator. The package included:

- Notice of Referendum and Voting Period
- The Referendum Procedure
- A mail-in ballot, with a postage-paid return envelope, pre-addressed to the Electoral Officer
- A Voter Declaration Form

A copy of the initialled Land Transfer Agreement has been sent to each elector in a separate mail-out.

If you are an elector, and especially if you reach the age of 18 on or before November 15, 2010, and did not receive a voting package, please provide your mailing address to the Registration Administrator.

**PLEASE VOTE! THIS CONCERNS THE FUTURE OF THE MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION!**

**MAIL YOUR VOTE TODAY!**

## Message from the Chief

Boozhoo, All my Relations,

It seems time has sped up, the month is almost over. The month started with a four day visit to Missanabie. I had Elder Archie Nolan take care of me while I went out onto the land to fast. I spent three days at a campsite in the narrows leading to the Crooked Lake portage. I have been cautioned to ensure I take time for myself, and saw this as an opportunity to rest, to find focus, perspective and balance, as I have alluded to in an earlier Bear Fax item. I was feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the responsibility of being elected Chief.

Construction on the Multi-purpose Facility began the week I was up in Missanabie. Before I left the roof was on and the crew was closing in the last wall. They are anticipating to complete phase one of the project by the end of November. The work includes installation of the windows, doors, fascia, soffit and siding, with a total cost of approximately \$500,000. We anticipate phase two will begin in the spring which will bring the project to competition. I am hopeful we will be able to open the building during the 2011 Gathering.

On October 15, we met with the Wawa District manager of the MNR to talk about the Ministry's policy on the rights of the Missanabie Cree to hunt fish and trap within our traditional territories. We explained to the Ministry that our lands overlap the treaty boundaries arbitrarily imposed by the province, that we require a clear understanding of that policy in writing, enabling us to develop political and/or legal strategy to ensure the rights of our people are recognized and protected. It is ironic the Ministry acknowledges our interests in the region pertaining to forestry, mining, water management and as a lead community in the development of a protection plan for Manitou Mountain, but struggles with hunting, trapping and fishing rights of our people.

Keeping in mind the theme of exercising our rights, I would like you to think about our collective responsibility to ensure the sustainability of all that the Creator and Mother Earth provide us. In the coming weeks I will be asking the Elders' Council to consider this very question in order to provide clear direction on how to ensure we meet our responsibility to our future generations.

Council met in Toronto October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for Chief and Council orientation. The sessions included the review of the Chief and Council policy, roles and responsibility of Council and the development of portfolios for Council to provide an area of responsibility for each councilor. The portfolios are as follows:

- ⊕ **Family**, which includes social, economic, community development; health; child and family welfare and protection; to be held by Jutta Horn, Bobbi Lyn Fletcher.
- ⊕ **Whole Earth**, which will include lands; natural resources; environmental stewardship etc.; to be held by Jason Gauthier, Roy Gideon.
- ⊕ **Life Long Learning**, which will include education; training and employment etc.; to be held by Eddie Robinson, Kim Rainville.
- ⊕ **Governance**, which will include council business; policy development; administration; membership; legal etc.; will be the responsibility of all.

The sessions also provided Council an opportunity to get to know each other, allowing for frank discussions on issues we will be faced with in the coming three years. We also realize there is much more work we need to do and will be scheduling time to meet in the new year, looking to set goals and priorities.

In closing, the orientation has relieved the sense of being overwhelmed by the responsibilities of being elected Chief. With the development of portfolios, the weight of responsibility has been shared with Council. I am looking forward to working with our Council and staff in the coming three years.

I would also like to remind all to send in your Land Transfer Agreement ballots, ensuring your position on the agreement is secured. Again it is about our collective responsibility to future generations regardless of what our positions on the agreement are.

I wish you all good health and prosperity,  
Kim Rainville

## Events/Gatherings:

**Aboriginal Veterans Day - November 8, 2010**  
**Remembrance Day - November 11, 2010**

**Healthy Children, Healthy Spaces Conference**  
 November 14-16, 2010 - Ottawa, ON  
[www.healthychildrenhealthyspaces.ca](http://www.healthychildrenhealthyspaces.ca)

**National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week**  
 November 14-20, 2010  
[www.addictionsawareness.com](http://www.addictionsawareness.com)

**Chiefs of Ontario Special Assembly**  
 November 23-25, 2010 - Toronto, ON  
[www.chiefs-of-ontario.org](http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org)

**Canadian Aboriginal Festival 2010**  
 November 26-28, 2010 - Hamilton, ON  
[www.canab.com](http://www.canab.com)

**4th Aboriginal Energy Forum**  
 December 6-7, 2010 - Toronto, ON  
[www.insightinfo.com/aboriginalenergy](http://www.insightinfo.com/aboriginalenergy)

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## News Items

### LOGGING PLAN SPARKS PROTEST BY QUEBEC CREE

November 3, 2010 - Today, Greenpeace and Chief Paul Gull of Waswanipi, revealed a giant photo of the blockade at EACOM Timber Corporation's headquarters in downtown Montreal. This afternoon, they will go to the Montreal office of Prime Minister Jean Charest to ask that his government take action on this file.

"We are telling EACOM to immediately and publicly suspend its logging project in the Broadback Valley, one of the last intact wilderness areas in Quebec and the only remaining pristine lands of the Waswanipi Cree Nation," said Nicolas Mainville, Greenpeace forest campaigner. "EACOM's logging plans will cause irreversible ecological damage and adversely affect the Cree way of life.."

Ten members of the Waswanipi Cree Nation along with Greenpeace created the blockade a few days ago by cementing a massive billboard into the ground at the end of a partially built logging road 200 kilometres north of EACOM's Matagami mill,

blocking further construction. The 6' by 12' billboard reads in Cree and French: "The path of destruction stops here."

EACOM is the new owner of Domtar's Quebec operations. The company plans involve building bridges over the Broadback River and logging in ancestral Cree land and pristine woodland caribou habitat. Although the company has recently shown some openness to the creation of a large protected area in the Broadback Valley Forest, Greenpeace and Cree remain concerned.

"Fifty nine out of our sixty-two traplines we administrate have already been logged and fragmented. Those last wild areas are what are most valuable to our community and the time has come to protect them from further industrial activity," said Allan Saganash from the Waswanipi Cree Nation, Director of the Joint Working Group on Forestry. "We need a healthy forest if we want to continue to fish, trap and hunt on our territory. We are here to say that industrial logging in the Broadback Valley will do the complete opposite," said Paul Gull, Chief of the Waswanipi Cree Nation.

The Waswanipi tallyman (hunting territory leaders), the Grand Council of the Cree, Greenpeace and other environmental organizations have repeatedly asked the Quebec government and logging companies to recognize the ecological and cultural value of the Broadback Valley and to ensure the permanent protection of its biodiversity.

Greenpeace documented the ecological values of the Broadback Valley in its recent scientific report called "Refuge Boreal." Published last May, the study scientifically documents the importance of woodland caribou habitat, old-growth forests, the large carbon stores, plus the importance of the cultural values for the Cree in this 22 000 km<sup>2</sup> area.

"The future of the Broadback Valley is ultimately in the hands of the Quebec government," said Mainville. "If Jean Charest's government grants EACOM or any other company a licence to implement such a controversial logging plan, it would be a significant step backwards for forest protection and respect for aboriginal rights in Quebec."

*([www.turtleisland.org/resources/resources](http://www.turtleisland.org/resources/resources))*

# News Items

## PDAC REPORT ON CANADIAN MINING COMPANIES

Ottawa - A report obtained by MiningWatch Canada reveals that Canadian mining companies are implicated in four times as many violations of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as mining companies from other countries. The report was commissioned by the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) in 2009 but was never released to the public.

The report discusses 171 high-profile CSR violations by mining companies between 1999 and 2009. Sixty-three percent of these violations are linked to companies from just five countries, including Canada. Canadian mining companies are involved in more than four times as many violations as the next two highest offenders, Australia and India.

The report's authors conclude that "...Canadian companies have been the most significant group involved in unfortunate incidents in the developing world. Canadian companies have played a much more major role than their peers from Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Canadian companies are more likely to be engaged in community conflict, environmental and unethical behaviour..."

Importantly, the report also found that the large majority of the Canadian mining companies involved in such violations have CSR policies in place.

"This report - done for the biggest industry lobby group - confirms what we have been saying for years: that violations of good corporate behaviour by Canadian mining companies in developing countries are numerous and widespread. Clearly this is not just a case of a few bad apples, as the industry's boosters would like us to believe," said Catherine Coumans, Research Coordinator for MiningWatch Canada. "It also confirms that voluntary social responsibility measures by these same companies are not enough to stop abuses of human rights and the environment."

It is for this reason that MiningWatch Canada firmly supports the passage of Bill C-300, An Act Respecting Corporate Accountability for Mining, Oil and Gas Corporations in Developing Countries, currently before the House of Commons. "Canadians want to know that our government is not supporting Canadian mining companies that are involved in abuses of human rights and the environment overseas," says Coumans. "That is what Bill C-300 is all about, making sure our tax dollars do not support bad corporate behaviour."

*(from [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca))*

## WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR LANDS IS NOT FOR SALE

UOI Offices, Oct. 21 - Federal legislation to permit the privatization of reserve land is a recipe for disaster that avoids dealing with the root causes of First Nations poverty, says Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee.

"Under the pretense of creating more economic opportunities for our citizens, the Harper government is trying another end-run around Canada's promises and obligations to work with us to build stronger communities. If they want to help us develop our own economies, they can speed up addition-to-reserve processes, and look at ways we can re-zone reserve land for industrial use, or establish off-reserve industrial parks with tax advantages for our business partners.

"Canada allowed most of our traditional territories to be stolen out from under us, which is why there is a backlog of over 800 land claims," said Madahbee, speaking on behalf of the 40 member communities of the Anishinabek Nation in Ontario. "Now the federal government itself is getting into the land-grab business. They're trying to ram through a law that could result in the loss of what postage-stamp properties we have left. Our reserves are not for sale."

The Grand Council Chief said that such legislation would provide land speculators unprecedented opportunities to acquire ownership to lands that the Canadian Constitution says are reserved exclusively for First Nation use.

"A federal attempt to privatize lands reserved for First Nations is like real estate agents charging commission on properties not even listed with them," said Madahbee, who said he is not impressed by the fact that Ottawa has found some First Nations disciples for their privatization plan.

"It's the same old divide-and-conquer strategy they used 150 years ago to take our lands. You can always find someone who says they got a great education in residential school, or who thinks we should try to turn all our citizens into Bay Street tycoons. But in their enthusiasm, those people usually forget two important steps: first, we have to be involved in all decisions affecting our future and, secondly, governments have to start getting serious about sharing the resources with us that the treaties have helped them enjoy."

For further information:

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## MCFN Membership

### Ted Ouellet - Registration Administrator

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 Toll-free: 1-800-319-3001

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

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

Dorothy Bain (Bignucolo)	Craig Pelletier
Lyle Copeland	Natalie Pelletier
Jason Fletcher	Daniel Rocheleau
Steven D'arcy Fletcher	Iana Ruth
Kaleb Jeffries	Jayson Ruth
William Jeffries	Theresa Ruth
Jeremy MacDonald	Victoria May St. Amand (Fletcher)
Julianne K.V. Macumber	Catherine Wesley
Allan McDonald	Juliana Holly Wesley
Michael McDonald	Michael Wesley
Richard Donald McLeod	
Cynthia Nemeth	

Our **MISSING ADDRESS LIST** fluctuates as members move around and do not send in their new address. When a monthly newsletter is returned by the Post Office, the member's name will be deleted from the mailing list, until I/we receive their new address.

**PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED**, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet at the address noted above.

**Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business. Non-members may use the form on the reverse.**

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Indian Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office. Miigwech.



### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

SURNAME	
First Name and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

# From the desk of:

MCFN Community members are invited to attend our annual

## Community Christmas Dinner



**Date:** December 5, 2010  
**Place:** Indian Friendship Centre Hall  
 122 East St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON

The dinner is potluck, so please call Lesley to register your attendance, contribution, and any children you may be bringing.

For more information, please contact:  
 Lesley Gagnon  
 705-254-2702 Ext. 226

Or by email at [lgagnon@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lgagnon@missanabiecree.com)

### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



### COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER!

We are looking for family recipes to make a Missanabie Cree Cook Book. Headings for recipes would be:

- Canning/Preserving
- Breads
- Desserts
- Main Dishes
- Vegetables
- Soups & Salads
- Sauces, Dressings
- Appetizers
- Christmas/ Special Occasions

Please submit your favourite family recipe, using size 11 font. You can email them to [lgagnon@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lgagnon@missanabiecree.com).

Or send in copies to:

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

Any other suggestions for the cook book would greatly be appreciated.

Miigwech, Lesley Gagnon



## MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- for Non-members

SURNAME	
First Name & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Name	
Alias	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

# Community News and Notes

## MCFN CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETINGS



Dates: November 4, 2010  
November 18, 2010  
November 25, 2010

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

All are welcome to attend.

## RE: COMMUNITY NEWS AND NOTES

MCFN band members are welcome to send in postings to Community News and Notes.

The deadline is the **first of each month**.

So to get your news in on time, be sure to call or email on or before that date.

Email: eangeconeb@missanabieecree.com

Fax: 705-254-3292

Phone: 705-254-2702 Ext. 230

A very big THANK YOU  
to all who bought tickets  
from the Heart and Stroke Foundation  
at our Annual Gathering of the MCFN.

Eighty (80.00) dollars was raised.

Mrs. Nolan won the afghan.  
Mrs. Markie won the lamp.  
Fred Fletcher won the grab bag.

A big hug for Ted and Margaret  
for pulling the winning tickets.



**HEART &  
STROKE  
FOUNDATION**

*Finding answers. For life.*

Kiitos, Merci and Miigwetch,  
Hazel Fletcher

## CORRECTION:

Regarding a picture on page 6 in the September 2010 issue of the Bear Fax Newsletter, the making of the chief's headdress was attributed to Arnold Fletcher.

The headdress was made by Arnold Fletcher and Michael Nolan.

Our apologies for the oversight, and we would like Arnold and Michael know that they did a fantastic job.

Miigwetch to Richard Nolan for notifying us of this error.



## A Truth and Reconciliation Event "Tapachimoda (Let's Tell Stories)"

### "Honouring the Person within the Survivor"

An event to focus on experiences from survivors and their families who have succeeded in their healing and have come to terms with that experience. We are looking for personal stories of forgiveness and the road that they choose to walk to lead a good life.

- Residential History and Impacts
- Intergenerational Impacts
- Public Forum
- Statements from Survivors

### Your Statement is Important

Why is the TRC gathering statements, documents and photographs? Your statements, documents and photographs are very important and can help Canadians understand what the schools were like, what happened inside them and how the experience affected people for generations to come. Those that lived, attended and worked at the schools will finally be given a voice through the statement gathering process.

Health support services are available to you before, during and after you provide your statement.

November 8-10, 2010

Days Inn, Timmins, ON

Statement Gathering November 8 & 9

November 22-26, 2010

Travelodge Airline Inn, Thunder Bay, ON

Statement Gathering November 22-25

Posters and Registration Forms available for download at NAN's website: [www.nan.on.ca/article/-648.asp](http://www.nan.on.ca/article/-648.asp)

Or contact Sam or Toinette at 1-800-465-9952 for more information or to request a registration form.



## Elders' Council News



### MCFN ELDERS' COUNCIL WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

At the 2010 Annual Gathering, the MCFN Elders' Council welcomed four new members to the Council: Audrey Bateson, Cathy Clement, Stan Fletcher, and Archie Nolan. The Elders' Council looks forward to working together to set our goals, develop new projects and undertake fundraising initiatives.

### ELDERS' COUNCIL SUPPORT

One of the goals of the Elders' Council is to be a "working" Council. We are offering volunteer opportunities and encouraging the MCFN Elders as well as other Elders' Council members to participate and be of assistance in some of the tasks that need to be done. Check the chart below, and if you are interested, please call **June Markie** at the Band office.

**ELDERS' COUNCIL  
MEETING  
November 26, 2010  
@ 1pm  
at the MCFN Band Office  
All are welcome to attend**

### 2010 MCFN ELDERS' COUNCIL

Diane Astle  
Louise Campbell (Elders' Council Chair)  
D'arcy Fletcher  
Jackie Fletcher (C&C Liaison)  
Shirley Horn  
Fran Luther  
June Markie (Secretary)  
Alice Ouellet (Member in Good Standing)  
Ted Ouellet  
Audrey Bateson  
Cathy Clement  
Stan Fletcher  
Archie Nolan

Job Title	Task
Alternate Minute Taker	Take minutes at Elders Council meetings, and provide copy to Chair for review.
Carpenter	Make needed items, i.e. container to take to Gathering, to store Elders collars, smudging materials, etc.
Seamstress	To make collars for new Elders Council members.
Prayers	To offer a prayer to open and close our meetings.
Regional Liaison Elder(s)	To take on responsibility of an area where there is a concentration of Elders and call upon the Elders of that area when needed. E.g. Sudbury, Toronto, West, East. To forward local and regional news items as well as birthdays and other announcements to the Elders Council secretary.

### SPIRIT MEMBERS PROJECT

The dream of having our own homeland has spanned over 100 years. It has lived in the hearts and minds of our people for all this time and many of them have passed over to the Spirit World waiting for the government to fulfil its promise according to the treaty. We are now on the verge of making this dream a reality. In the acceptance of this land by our members today, we will be doing so, not only for ourselves and future generations but for those who are no longer with us.

In keeping with this dream, it is fitting that we do something to commemorate and honour their presence at the official signing of our agreement and the turning over of the land to Missanabie Cree First Nation.

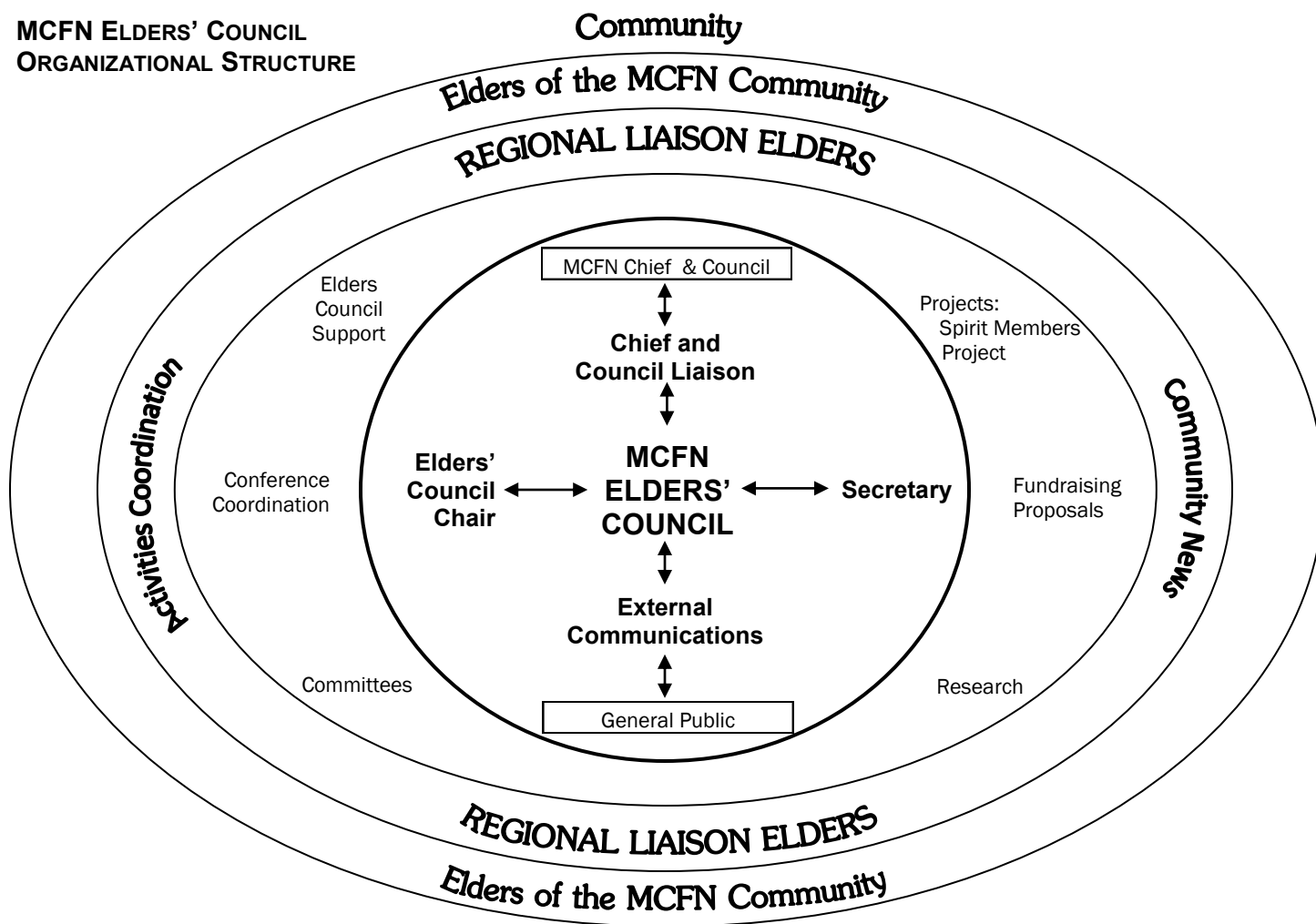
One idea is to have them present through pictures and thoughts. Over the next months, until the signing, we are asking members to send us pictures of your family members who have passed on to the spirit world so that we can frame them and have them present in image and spirit at this very important event.

We are also asking you for the help to make this possible. We will require volunteers to work on this project together to make it as beautiful as possible. Please let us know your thoughts on this project. Contact Lori Rainville at the Band Office.

Meegwetch.  
(submitted by Shirley Horn)



**MCFN ELDERS' COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



The **MCFN Elders' Council** commits to a grassroots-based organizational structure modelled on our traditional governance practices. We abide by our traditional teachings, and use consensus-based decision-making.

The **Elders of the MCFN Community** are encouraged to participate in activities to promote the objectives of the council by bringing forward their ideas for fundraising proposals, future projects, and research. Volunteer opportunities are also open to Elders of the MCFN Community to

serve as Elder Council support, committee members, and conference attendees.

**Regional Liaison Elders** will be asked to coordinate regional and local activities, as well as forwarding community news and other announcements to the Elders Council Secretary.

Any Elder of the MCFN Community who would like to provide Elders Council Support, please let us know. A task list can be found on Page 8.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELDERS' COUNCIL POSITIONS**

Position - (3 year term)	Responsibility	Who
Elders' Council Chair	Chairs meetings, drafts agendas, reviews minutes, offers recommendations.	Louise Campbell
Secretary	Sends out meeting notices; ensures agendas, minutes are sent to all Council members; receives announcements/notices from Regional Elder Liaisons.	June Markie
Chief and Council Liaison	Works closely with Chair and MCFN Chief and Council;	Jackie Fletcher
External Communications	Liaison with external organizations and general public	Shirley Horn

# MCFN Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 2010  
 DECEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Craft Class 7-9 pm	3 Elders' Tea 1:30-3:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time ends.	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13
14	15	16 Craft Class 7-9 pm	17 Elders' Tea 1:30-3:30 pm Healthy Snacks After 1:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	28	30 Craft Class 7-9 pm	Haskinitisew Peesim Freeze up Moon			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Kakoekakee shi kak Peesim Festival Season Moon		1 Craft Class 7-9 pm	2	3	4
5 MCFN Community Christmas Dinner	6	7 Craft Class 7-9 pm	8 Healthy Snacks After 1:30	9	10 MCFN Staff Dinner	11
12	13	14	15 Christmas Tea 1:30 pm	16	17	18
19	20 MCFN Office Closed Dec. 20- Dec.31	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	



# November Birthday Greetings

NOVEMBER 3



**Happy Birthday!**  
Taynia Rainville

NOVEMBER 4

*Happy Birthday!*



Tonya Lee

NOVEMBER 5




**Happy Birthday!**  
Zachary Rogoschensky

NOVEMBER 6




**Happy Birthday!**  
Stephen Ringos

NOVEMBER 8



*Happy Birthday!*  
James Shields

NOVEMBER 10



**Happy Birthday!**  
Arthur Nolan  
Corey McLeod

NOVEMBER 11



**Happy Birthday!**  
Ianna Ruth  
John Jeffries, Jr.

NOVEMBER 14



*Happy Birthday!*  
Lisa Souliere

NOVEMBER 16




**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Joshua Bergeron  
Laura-Lee Rawlyk

NOVEMBER 18




**Happy Birthday!**  
Lena Mae Rollick

NOVEMBER 20



*Happy Birthday!*  
Debra MacDonald

NOVEMBER 22



**Happy Birthday!**  
Catharine Dawn Wesley

NOVEMBER 23

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**




Dieter Horn

NOVEMBER 24



**Happy Birthday!**  
David Fletcher

NOVEMBER 26



**Happy Birthday!**  
Connor Fletcher-Decorte  
Marina Lacosse


NOVEMBER 29



**Happy Birthday!**  
Michael R. Jeremiah



November 26  
Happy Birthday  
To Marina  
Lots of Love  
Uncle Bob and Aunt Lesley



November 26  
Happy Birthday  
To my beautiful daughter  
Marina Lacosse  
Lots of Love, Mom

November 24  
Happy 16th Birthday  
To our sweet girl,  
Coral Gagnon.  
Love, Mom, Dad  
Louis, Ashton, Sixtoes and Sasha

## Opportunities



### Manitou Mountain Logo Contest

Missanabie Cree First Nation has declared Manitou Mountain to be a site of spiritual and cultural significance to the Mushkegowuk people. Collective efforts are ongoing to ensure its protection as a place for healing and the practice of our ceremonies.

To raise awareness about the importance of protecting this sacred site, MCFN is sponsoring a logo contest.

The logo should contain the following themes and symbolize Manitou Mountain as:

- A sacred place of healing
- A place where spiritual and cultural ceremonies were practiced
- A place of spiritual significance that should be protected

The design should be on 8X11 paper, using any media, but should be big enough to scan.

The words **Manitou Mountain** should be part of the design.

The design should also be suitable for reproduction on T-shirts and caps.

The winner will receive a prize of 150.00.

The contest is open to all ages, and the deadline for entries is **December 1, 2010.**

Please send your entry to: Jutta Horn  
Missanabie Cree First Nation  
174B Hwy 17 E  
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Please ensure you have a copy as entries will not be returned.

All entries will be acknowledged in the Bear Fax newsletter.

The selected logo will become the property of Missanabie Cree First Nation.



### WAKENAGUN COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Board Member Vacancy

Wakenagun Community Futures Development Corporation Board (CFDC) has a seat available on the Board for a Missanabie Cree First Nation member. Wakenagun CFDC is a non-profit organization mandated to assist with business financing for new and existing businesses. We also provide community economic development support through a grant program called the Local Initiatives Fund, and business advisory services to those who may require it. Please visit our website at [www.wakenagun.ca](http://www.wakenagun.ca).

Board members serve in a volunteer capacity, for a term of two years. All travel costs related to Board business is covered by Wakenagun CFDC. The head office is located in Moose Factory.

Applications are invited from MCFN band members who

- ✓ are interested in business development,
- ✓ have an understanding of financial statements, and
- ✓ have time to attend in person meetings, twice a year with up to 4 additional meetings via teleconference.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please forward a letter of interest and resumé to:

Chief and Council  
Missanabie Cree First Nation  
174B Hwy 17E  
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1  
By fax: 705 254 3292 or  
email at [mcfn@on.aibn.com](mailto:mcfn@on.aibn.com)

# Opportunities



## Fresh start

Realizing Your Full Potential

In partnership with Ontario Works and a program of the Sault Community Career Centre, Fresh Start offers access to a full job search resource room, friendly mentors and staff, and the chance to realize your potential, gain confidence and achieve your personal goals. As a participant, you will have access to employment subsidies, training and upgrading opportunities, tailored workshops to meet your needs, and full one-on-one support.

### Who do we serve?

Fresh start is designed to empower individuals and assist with developing personal goals, as well as the development of strategies to move forward. The program is specifically targeted to people receiving Ontario Works (OW) benefits, and anyone experiencing significant barriers to employment.

### How do we Help?

Planned for Fresh Start customers are a set of needs driven workshops. Each workshop will be tailored to meet the needs of a group, or conducted individually as required. Each customer in the Fresh Start program will be assigned a Coach/Employment consultant who will provide on-going one-on-one support.

### Benefits

- Personalized workshops and training opportunities
- Assistance with accessing community resources
- Job Development - access the hidden market and get help with job search
- Support once on the job
- Personalized goal planning and implementation assistance; support to achieve your goals
- Learn that you are not alone

### Workshops/Sessions/Activities

- Viewing videos that:
  - address negative thinking
  - affirm that you are unique
- Self-esteem Building
- Stress Management
- Short Term and Long Term Goal Setting
- Charting responses
- Verbal and visual techniques
- Resume Development
- Cover letters
- Conflict resolution strategies
- How to prepare once you have been hired
- How to keep a job
- Financial planning
- Literacy
- Referrals
- Working with Advisors for job matching
- Group or individual sessions
- Bouncing ideas off one another

### Contact us for more information:

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 jackie.fletcher@saultcareercentre.ca  
 www.saultcareercentre.ca

### NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR FRESH START CLIENTS PERSONAL CAPACITY BUILDING SKILLS

Ontario Works Employment Unit Boardroom, 4th Floor Station Tower

Contact: Jackie Fletcher at 759-0909, Ext. 4339

SESSION (2 hours long)	DATE
1. <b>Stress Management</b> - Identify your level of stress and what you can do about it	November 10, 2010 OW Boardroom
2. <b>Self-Esteem Building</b> - Looking at high and low self-esteem	9:00 – 11:00 am
3. <b>Generations at Work</b> - power point presentation looking at 4 generations in the work place in today's world and how each group sees things.	
1. <b>You Can Heal Your Life</b> - video. Looking at healing our life by changing the way you think.	November 18, 2010 OW Boardroom
2. <b>Discussion</b>	9:00 – 11:00 am

"Do not follow where the path may lead,  
 go instead  
 where there is no path  
 and leave a trail."

# Concerning Our Children, Our Future



## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

**Aboriginal Head Start (AHS)** projects typically provide half-day preschool experiences that prepare young Aboriginal children for their school years by meeting their spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. All projects provide programming in six core areas: education and school readiness; Aboriginal culture and language; parental involvement, health promotion; nutrition; and social support.

Projects are locally designed and controlled, and administered by non-profit Aboriginal organizations. AHS directly involves parents and the community in the management and operation of projects. Parents are supported in their role as the child's first and most influential teacher, and the wisdom of elders is valued.

For more information, visit the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)'s website at [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/ahs\\_overview-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/ahs_overview-eng.php). Or call Jennifer Corbiere, Manager, Aboriginal Head Start at 613-954-8615.

**The Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)** provides long-term funding to community groups to develop or enhance programs for vulnerable pregnant women. Through a community development approach, the CPNP aims to reduce the incidence of unhealthy birth weights, improve the health of both infant and mother and en-

courage breastfeeding. CPNP enhances access to services and strengthens intersectional collaboration to support the needs of at-risk pregnant women. As a comprehensive program, the services provided include food supplementations, nutritional counseling, support, education, referral and counseling on health and lifestyle issues.

For more information, visit PHAC's website at [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/cnpn\\_main-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/cnpn_main-eng.php). Or call Jennifer Anderson, A/Senior Program Consultant at 613-957-8342.

**Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)** provides long term funding to community coalitions to deliver programs that address the health and development of children (0-6 years) who are living in conditions of risk. It recognizes that communities have the ability to identify and respond to the needs of children and places a strong emphasis on partnerships and community capacity building. CAPC projects provide parents with the support and information they need to raise their children. CAPC targets children living in low income families; children living in teenage-parent families; children experiencing developmental delays, social, emotional or behavioral problems; and abused and neglected children.

For more information, visit PHAC's website at [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/capc\\_main-eng.php](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dca-dea/programs-mes/capc_main-eng.php). Or call Elise Lamontagne, Program Consultant at 514-283-2972.

## THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



*From the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) website:*

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the first legally binding international instrument to incorporate the full range of human rights—civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. In 1989, world leaders decided that children needed a special convention just for them because people under 18 years old often need special care and protection that adults do not. The leaders also wanted to make sure that the world recognized that children have human rights too.

The Convention sets out these rights in 54 articles and two Optional Protocols. It spells out the basic human rights that children everywhere have: the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully in family, cultural and social life. The four core principles of the Convention are non-discrimination; devotion to the best interests of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and respect for the views of the child. Every right spelled out in the Convention is inherent to the human dignity and harmonious development of every child. The Convention protects children's rights by setting standards in health care; education; and legal, civil and social services. *(For more information, please visit [www.unicef.org/crc](http://www.unicef.org/crc))*



### United Nations Human Rights

The full document of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child can be found at the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights: [www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm).

# Concerning Our Children, Our Future



## FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY CARING SOCIETY OF CANADA.

**Mission Statement:** "Building Helping Communities"

**Value Statement:** We value and promote the holistic knowledge and practices that support the sharing of national First Nations communities to love, respect and nurture First Nations children, young people, families, communities and nations.

### Core Values:

- Love and respect for our children, young people, families, communities and nations
- Respect for the people who work with First Nations children, young people, families, communities, and nations.
- The sharing of our individual and collective resources (knowledge, wealth, ideas, etc.) to nurture and care for the First Nations children in Canada.
- Respecting the value of diverse First Nations teachings and practices for today's First Nations children, young people and families.

More information about the Caring Society's research, policy, networking, and professional development in support of First Nations families can be found at their website: [www.fncaresociety.com](http://www.fncaresociety.com).

You can follow the progress of their complaint against the federal government with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal at [www.fnwitness.ca](http://www.fnwitness.ca).

## FIRST NATION CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE AGENCIES LOCATED IN ONTARIO:

**Weechi-it-te-win Family Services** is a community oriented, community based, Native staffed child and family service agency. Weechi-it-te-win serves 10 area First Nations communities located in the Rainy Lake District. [www.weechi.ca](http://www.weechi.ca)

**Tikinagan - Child & Family Services** has been created by the people on Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to strengthen our children, our families and our communities. [www.knet.ca/agencies/tikinagan2.html](http://www.knet.ca/agencies/tikinagan2.html)

**Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services** delivers child welfare services to 11 First Nation communities within their catchment area. The Kunuwanimano catchment area encompasses a broad region in Northeastern Ontario that ranges from Hornepayne to Matachewan First Nation and includes eleven Aboriginal First Nation communities. The Kunuwanimano head office is located on Wahgoshig First Nation with the main office located in the city of Timmins. [www.kunuwanimano.com](http://www.kunuwanimano.com)

**Dilico Anishinabek Family Care** programs and services are available for Aboriginal and First Nation residents of any age in Dilico's jurisdiction and for children in the care of Dilico and their caregivers. Dilico's catchment area includes: Fort William, Red Rock (Lake Helen), Whitesand, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay),

Long Lake #58, Animbigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sandpoint), Biingiti-waabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), Ginoogaming, Pays Plat, Pic Mober, Pic River, and Michipicoten. [www.dilico.com](http://www.dilico.com)

**Native Child and Family Services of Toronto** strives to provide a life of quality, well-being, caring and healing for our children and families in the Toronto Native Community. We do this by creating a service model that is culture based and respects the values of Native people, the extended family and the right to self-determination. [www.nativechild.org](http://www.nativechild.org)

**Nog-Da-Win-Da-Min Family & Community Services** is a Native Child Welfare Prevention service agency that works in collaboration with the seven First Nations in ensuring that children, youth and families receive culturally appropriate services. Nog-da-win-da-min offers various services and programs to the children, youth and families who are members of these First Nation communities: Batchewana, Garden River, Thessalon, Missis-sauga, Serpent River, and Whitefish Lake First Nations, and Sagamok Anishnawbek. [www.nog.ca](http://www.nog.ca)

*(from the Anishinabek Nation website:*

[www.anishinabek.ca/anishinabek-nation-child-welfare.asp](http://www.anishinabek.ca/anishinabek-nation-child-welfare.asp))

# Concerning the Earth



**GORD MILLER,**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO**  
**SEP 22, 2010**

*[The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) is the province's independent environmental watchdog. Appointed by the Legislative Assembly, the ECO is tasked with monitoring and reporting on compliance with the Environmental Bill of Rights, and the government's success in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and in achieving greater energy conservation in Ontario.]*

*A copy of Commissioner Miller's Annual Report "Redefining Conservation" can be viewed on the ECO's website at [www.eco.on.ca/eng/](http://www.eco.on.ca/eng/).*

Ontarians got a taste of what climate change is like this summer, and most of us didn't worry about it, as we enjoyed the hot, sunny days, uninterrupted by rain.

But in my annual report released today, I maintain there are storm clouds gathering on the horizon. Due to our latitude, global warming is occurring faster in Ontario than the global average; while the average temperature around the world went up by 0.75 degrees Celsius in the past century, average temperatures in south-central Canada increased by an average 1.2 degrees Celsius.

Most experts predict this warming will accelerate. And if you take into account the lowlands of Hudson's Bay, it could speed up even more. There's a vast expanse of wetland peat in the lowlands, composed of centuries of decayed vegetation. A shift in the water table could release methane and carbon dioxide, both of them greenhouse gases. The province's Expert Panel on Climate Change Adaption has warned: "Losing that carbon to the atmosphere as GHG's is a risk of global

proportions."



All of this threatens to dramatically alter the landscape of the province, wiping out familiar plant and animal species, and introducing alien species that have never been seen here before.

The first signs of this change are already literally posted outside Long Point and Rondeau Provincial Parks. They warn campers and visitors about deer ticks, a species of pest Ontarians haven't had to worry about before, because the ticks couldn't survive Ontario's frigid winters. However, warmer winters have brought the deer ticks north, and with them an increase in the incidence of Lyme disease. There were predictions they would spread throughout all of southern Ontario by the end of this decade, but these are already outdated. Deer ticks testing positive for Lyme disease were found in Thunder Bay this summer.

The ecology of Ontario will be radically reshaped by a profound territorial shift in the province's climate zones. The weather that people now enjoy in southern Ontario will move 500 kilometres to the north by the end of the century. Take the mild climates of Toronto, London or Windsor and think about what will happen when they shift to Marathon, Wawa and Thunder Bay: Warmer and drier conditions will wreak havoc in what is already a fire-prone forest; grasslands will overtake parts of what is now the northern boreal forest.

Many of Ontario's animal species are not going to be able to survive the province's shift to warmer temperatures. The biggest casualties are likely to be Ontario's polar bears. The 900 to 1,000 polar bears that currently live in Hudson's Bay will likely be gone from the province in 45 years due to decreases in sea ice.

Moose are threatened as well; increasing numbers are expected to die from hypothermia when snow in northern Ontario is replaced by freezing rain.

Further south, the warmer temperatures will mean an increase in the range of white-tailed deer, which are already a problem for many farmers. The change in climate could also cause shorter hibernation periods for black bears, producing a mismatch in the available food supply when they emerge. The bears could face another food shortage, months later, due to berry crop failures. Even species such as opossums, which were historically restricted to the southern United States, are already present in Ontario due to recent milder winter temperatures.

And the Great Lakes could end up being the not-so-Great Lakes. Water levels of the four lower Great Lakes are expected to drop by as much as 115 centimetres over the next four decades. The water that's left will be warmer, changing the range and abundance of fish. The habitat of the province's lake trout will shrink by almost a third by the end of this century.

The magnitude of these threats cries out for action on a number of fronts. In Ontario, for instance, there is no law that specifically requires the government to conserve the province's biodiversity, let alone monitor it. More fundamentally, the problems posed by global warming undermine the credibility of the reigning conservation philosophy of "sustainable growth," which promised that we could continue to grow without degrading the environment or harming future generations.

People everywhere now need to embrace a new definition of conservation. If that happens, we can reduce the impact on plant and animal species that will come with climate change.



The new conservation ethic must take into account the cumulative impact of our activities, use a precautionary approach every time a decision is made, and ensure we don't penalize future generations. There is no alternative to this; we must make do with less, and use what we have more wisely. Because this is not a choice, but a reality imposed on us, on our children and on our children's children, by the world we have created. *(from the Toronto Star)*

## What Others Are Doing



**White Earth Land Recovery Project** <http://nativeharvest.com/node/302>

The mission of the White Earth Land Recovery Project is to facilitate recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation, while preserving and restoring traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency, community development, and strengthening our spiritual and cultural heritage. The Executive Director is Winona LaDuke.

**Save the Seeds** - On seed sovereignty and indigenous peoples. [www.savetheseeds.org](http://www.savetheseeds.org)

This website is here to offer information relevant to seed sovereignty. We oppose efforts to patent, modify, or otherwise control the food resources which have nourished our communities throughout our history. We organize legislatively against Genetic Engineering of Wild Rice, Taro, and other traditional crops, and actively oppose bio-piracy of medicinal and other plants.

Meanwhile, we work to create local food economies which provide healthy, abundant nourishment through traditional methods and seed stocks. From rescue of traditional corn and squash varieties and food preservation techniques at Oneida to broad-based political campaigns in the New Mexico State Legislature, to ongoing programs with our youth and elders, the Network is taking a leading role in preparing for truly sustainable local food economies.

**yes!** **YES Magazine** Powerful Ideas, Practical Actions [www.yesmagazine.org](http://www.yesmagazine.org)

YES! reframes the biggest problems of our time in terms of their solutions. Online and in print, we outline a path forward with in-depth analysis, tools for citizen engagement, and stories about real people working for a better world.

YES! is an ad-free, non-profit magazine supported by its readers.

## What Can We Do?

To ensure our children's future and a just and sustainable world, we must work together now.

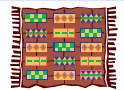
**LEARN** about the impacts of climate change, pollution of the land, water and sky, loss of biological diversity, and how other people are working together to find solutions, and build sustainable communities.

**COMMIT** to doing your part, however small it may be, and to build on those first steps to reduce consumption of resources and energy to move toward a more sustainable life that does not impact the earth negatively.

**SHARE** with others about what you have learned, especially your family members and those you love.

**ORGANIZE** to protect the land and waters, to vote politically on important issues, to build local economies, to develop local food security.

## The Hopi Elders Speak:



You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour. Now you must go back and tell the people that **this is The Hour**. And there are things to be considered:

- ⊕ Where are you living?
- ⊕ What are you doing?
- ⊕ What are your relationships?
- ⊕ Are you in right relation?
- ⊕ Where is your water?
- ⊕ Know your garden.
- ⊕ It is time to speak your Truth.
- ⊕ Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader.

This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The Elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water. See who is in there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!

Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary.

All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

**"We are the ones we've been waiting for!"**

## 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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