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Missanabie Cree First Nation

In Canada, the month of June has been designated Aboriginal History Month. The history of Aboriginal people in this country has been a tragic one, one of loss, deprivation, violence, and sometimes despair. Yet our history is also one of strength, love, compassion, discipline and hard work. We, as a people, have worked hard to overcome all those barriers that have been held against us. After many years, the governments of Canada, and the people of Canada have finally come to recognize our history, our culture, and the impacts of residential school.

Recently, there have been two significant announcements made; one regarding FN health, and the other a commitment to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). A First Na-



Happy Aboriginal Day!

tions Health Action Plan has been announced by the Ontario Government, detailing investments of 22M over three years. (See page 14). The Government of Ontario has also committed to the implementation of the TRC report which “includes 94 Calls to Action and recommends new and revised legislation for education, health care, child welfare and aboriginal language that will protect children, strengthen families, restore traditional languages and allow First Nations to reconnect with their culture and traditional ways of life.” (NAN press release on page 15)

Although we can take heart from these developments, we must also remember the many times when commitments were made but not kept.

Events/Gatherings:



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The Co-operative Model - Overview and Legalities

June 9, 2016 Sault Community Career Centre, SSM, ON
www.nordikinstitute.com/archives/1859

NAN Summer Sports Festival

June 16-18, 2016 Location TBA
www.nan.on.ca/article/2016-summer-sports-festival-2283.asp

42nd Annual All Ontario Chiefs Conference

June 28-30, 2016 Thunder Bay, ON
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1387>

AFN Youth Summit

July 10, 2016 Niagara Falls, ON
<http://health.afn.ca/en/news/general/nationalyouthsummit>

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MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING 2016
August 13-20, 2016

Messages from Chief and Council

Watchay,

Today we are working hard to get things done, I am committed to continuing work for our community in spite of a looming election. I have agreed to become the incumbent and put my name in as the Chief of Missanabie Cree First Nation for another term.

Missanabie Cree has been very busy with scoping out opportunities in forestry, mining, transportation and joint ventures including solar energy.

We will be meeting with and hearing presentations from all of the partners and Joint Ventures at the upcoming Gathering.

We will be looking at the reparations of the healing lodge over the next few weeks. We have acquired an engineer to come in to Missanabie to assess the situation, and advise on a plan.

I hope everyone is in good spirits with the warm weather finally upon us. I want to again welcome Mitchell Daigle as the new MCFN youth representative. Sending a chi-miigwetch to Neil Ewing for his participation as youth rep in prior years and good luck in your studies!

I want to recognize our MCFN student efforts and that June is the time of year for reaching academic milestones, whether it is deciding on which post-secondary program to attend, or finally writing that last exam of the year, presenting your thesis for to obtain your master's degree, or walking on stage to receive your diploma. Congratulations on your achievements!

Last month, all of council met with Craig Gideon and Ron Maurice of Maurice Law to finalize a \$5 million dollar agreement for our land claim and move away from dependency on government negotiation funds. It has been 12 years in the making, and MCFN is the only Ontario First Nation (and the 12th First Nation across the coun-

The upcoming Gathering is from the 13th to the 20th this year and will be fully funded. I am excited for another Gathering and hope to see you all there. I would like to thank all of the companies and entities who contributed to our Gathering this year.

We now have a full time Family Support Worker for Missanabie Cree, it has been a long process but in the end, our need for a FSW has been fulfilled.

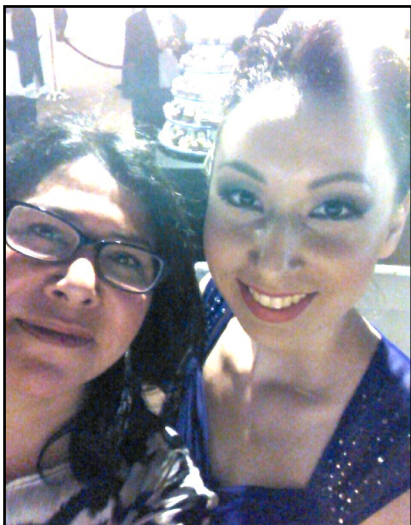
The TLE moves forward with the FEDs in our crosshairs. Unfortunately the provincial discussions are stalled, but there are still discussions going on regarding lands. We have also moved forward with insurance on our Land Claim. A report by our lawyers is forthcoming.

If there are any questions please contact me directly. Unfortunately, in an election year there is a lot of misinformation; please be informed, as good information leads to good decisions.

Chief Jason Gauthier

try) to obtain this deal! Maurice Law negotiated the terms of a credit facility with the Royal Bank and allows MCFN to access funding for legal fees, expenses, insurance premiums, loan interest and other fees associated with pursuit of the land claim; as well as an insurance policy with AmTrust Europe Ltd to secure the loan and provide insurance against any outstanding amount at the conclusion of the claim. In other words, this allows MCFN to pursue a claim on a "No Win-No Pay" arrangement. So if MCFN doesn't win the claim, MCFN doesn't pay.

Given it is an election year, I want to share a couple of reflections from my experience as a first term Councillor with those who may be thinking of leaping into a leadership role this year. Mainly, the unconditional support from your partner is so important. They take care of the kids and regular household duties when you are traveling, attending meetings out of town, and even while you



Mentor & Mentee at OLI 2016

Victoria Pezzo, MCFN Deputy Chief
 I persevered through the additional requirements of the program. It was great to meet her family and cheer her on at the OLI performance! It was also great to see other MCFN members at the show all dressed up for this special occasion.

Victoria Pezzo,
 MCFN Deputy Chief

To all my family, extended family, friends and acquaintances of Missanabie Cree First Nation:

All of Chief and Council met with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in Thunder Bay in regards to a Legacy Trust Creation.

Meeting with Magino Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) where we worked on sections of business development, employment, training and financial participation.

On May 18th I and my family had the great pleasure to

are on weekly conference calls. Also if you are working, it is great to have support from your boss to taking the time off work, (and that you have enough vacation time) to attend conferences and meetings, even on short notice.

Last month I attended the Outside Looking In performance in Toronto. What a great event showcasing First Nation youth from different communities in dance and celebrating their achievements! OLI was founded by our very own Tracee Smith and is nearing its 10th year. This year I was a mentor in OLI's Future Leaders program, and my mentee, Brigitte, from Wikwemikong First Nation, was an amazing young woman who perse-



Stylish MCFN members at OLI 2016

see the 9th performance of the Outside Looking In (OLI). Thank you Tracy Smith-Christmas for your wonderful work with the native youth in Northern Ontario and Manitoba communities.

Attended all Chief and Council meetings.

Hoping that everyone has a great summer and remember it's an election year, please vote.

In spirit of Community and Transparency
 Councilor Les (Gee) Nolan aka Red Bear.

Election Day is August 18, 2016.

Please ensure that your name is on the Voting List, and that your address is up to date with the Band Office.

Voting List (as of Mar. 30, 2016) is attached to this newsletter.

Mail-in ballots will be sent to all voters, 18 years of age and over as of Aug.18, 2016, who are listed on the Voter's List, and with their current mailing address on file.

From the desk of:

BAND MANAGER

Hello all My Relatives, be far or close, we all are members of MCFN. United We Stand; Divided We Fall

Sorry I did not write in the last newsletter but I was ticked at Council for overriding an administration decision that all will hear about at the elections this summer. That is all I will say about this matter until then.

We have been very busy in the office applying for funding, attending sessions to see how we can apply and who we can apply too. We have posted four more jobs for MCFN in this newsletter. I would like those who are available for small jobs around Sault Ste. Marie and Misamis to send me a letter of interest so I can provide one to two days of work whenever we need someone. We pay a little but at least it is better than nothing.

Our bookkeeper has been very busy preparing for the audit for 2015 and it will commence on Monday June 6, 2016. They will be here for about three weeks. The audit will be available at the Gathering and the auditors will also be giving a presentation to our members. For your information, we are only \$4 million in debt plus the TLE costs which will amount to approximately \$3 million. Our credit is good because our lenders are depending on the land claim to repay them. Our budget for this past year has been remaining in the black due to cutting costs, but still leaving us shorthanded in staff. This will continue until we gain more core dollars from INAC.

We have been promised funding to cover all of the Gathering but administration will not be issuing any money until we have the money in hand. This is to ensure we do not spend foolishly or promise something we cannot deliver on.

We have negotiated a lease with a new tenant to start on April 1, 2016 to use the offices in the Castle Building. This will cover our taxes that we pay for the building.

We have interviewed applicants for the position of Family Support Worker and the successful party will com-

mence on June 13, 2016. Kunuwanimano will be paying for this position.

The Chief and I have been working with Canadian Transport, the Algoma Central Railway and Al Errington to ensure that the north does not lose this valuable service, the railway between Sault Ste. Marie and Heart, as it accommodates our members' transportation to their homes, businesses and hunting and fishing areas.

If you have children who have graduated from high school or from post-secondary, please send their names to the office so we can recognize their achievement. We have been approved for summer students and the postings are in this newsletter.

Some of our staff attended a workshop at the Indian Friendship Centre on Lateral Violence; this is a workshop that everyone should be attending. It deals with trust, equity, honesty, jealousy, - everything that deals with negativity. We will try to arrange these workshops at our Gathering so anyone can attend. It was an excellent workshop!

As per the request from council, we have put a call out for an Education Appeal Committee, and the Child Welfare Committee.

Chief and Council have approved a loan for Island View Camp to obtain five brand new 15 horse Yamaha Motors.

We have had a building official from Mushkegowuk Council look at the Healing Lodge and he has recommended fixes. We will require a structural engineer to redesign the building from existing to ensure it will be completed; as we have a Joint Venture with Tulloch Engineering, they will be providing his services for free. We are hoping to have the building completed before the Gathering.

There have been problems on the face book web site

regarding information about Chief and Council, office staff and other members. Please disregard these comments as they are unjustified and slanderous. We do not communicate by face book as we have email, snail mail and the telephone; so in the spirit of transparency, should you want to know what is happening, call us and we will relate the full story. We post information about jobs and new events on the web site regularly so please check it out once in a while.

Again, I did water testing with Barrick Gold on May 25th and 26th at the Renabie Mine Site. We tested 24 areas in the two days. Mr. Bruger wanted me to work with him

again at the Gathering to do the testing but I had to tell him no as when I did it last year at the Gathering, some people thought I was out having fun. So to avoid these rumors, I had to find someone else for him.

For your information, at the Gathering this summer, registration will only be open on Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. My staff will have other jobs to do in the afternoons.

That is all for now! Another story next month. Cheers everyone!

Cathy Clement

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER - GATHERING COORDINATOR

Annual Gathering 2016 Report

Registrations continue to arrive. We are still looking for a caterer/cooks. We are willing to discuss all options. If you need information, please contact Gathering Coordinator.

If you are willing to do a workshop, please also contact your Gathering Coordinator and provide details.

If you registered with the initial registration form, please submit the longer one when you arrive if not sooner. Thanks. It took a while to edit the information page.

The application form online is available at the website called "missanabiecreefn": if you leave off the "fn", it will direct you to a website that is no longer operational. Save the form as a pdf to your device, then you may submit it directly to your Gathering Coordinator or you can send it to the "info@" email address, and it will get to me.

Post-Secondary Education Report

Application deadline for academic year of 2016-2017 is now past. Any applications after the deadline are subject to funds available. Letters regarding the status of application approval should be received by all applicants by the end of June regardless the decision. If the PSSSP

criteria are not met, then the student applicant will receive a refusal of funding. If we have monies from other sources for education, then those that do not meet the PSSSP criteria will be considered for those other funds according to Missanabie Cree First Nation education policies.

Final transcripts are required by all students who were assisted for the 2015-2016 under the post-secondary support program whether they are continuing or not. Plus any graduates are required to send a copy of their degrees, diplomas, or certificates. So please send these in as soon as possible.

Regards, Deb Clement

Call-out for Education Committee



Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for members to sit on the Education Committee.

Please provide a written letter as to why you would like to sit on this committee.

Deadline for applying is June 20, 2016. Please address to the attention of Cathy Clement, Band Manager.

Youth Speak

Hello to all Missanabie Cree youth!

My name is Mitchell Daigle and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your newly appointed youth representative. First I'll tell you a little about myself, I am twenty-five years old, tend to be reserved in most situations and I like to think of myself as being a good listener. I applied for the position of youth rep for the purpose of becoming more involved in the community and to help the youth of Missanabie Cree get more involved too.

The reason we as youth need to be active members of the community is because one day we won't be youth, we will be the parents, council members and chiefs. We need to be apart of the community so we can take care

of the youth when it is our time to do so, but that's a ways off, for now let's work together for our youth today. I would like to hear from any youth or parent of a youth on what you would like to see done for our youth. Any ideas at all, perhaps you are a youth and have interests in a youth council, or maybe you are a parent of a youth and would like your child to learn some of the Cree language. These are just examples of ideas for our youth and I would love to hear what you have to say, even if all you want to say is "hello" back too me. Just in case my email doesn't appear on the back of the newsletter here it is: mdaigle@missanabiecree.com

Thank you all for hearing me out and I look forward to hearing from you.

Mitchell Daigle

Community News and Notes

CALL-OUT FOR A CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR MCFN.

We are looking for people who have the availability and time to sit on a Child Welfare Committee for Missanabie Cree First Nation.

This committee will be responsible for coming up with protocols to use with other agencies and in our First Nation. They will also assist with implementation.

This committee will meet through teleconference approximately 6 times a year.

Deadline for applying is June 24, 2016. Please address to the attention of June Markie, Reception.

Casual Work Available

MCFN is looking for members who interested in taking on some small jobs at the Band Office and in Echo Bay.

These jobs would be from 1-2 days.

Please forward your letter of interest to the Band Manager, Cathy Clement.

CALL-OUT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MCFN EDUCATION APPEAL BOARD.

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for members to sit on the Education Appeal Board.

The Board shall consist of 2 Elders, 1 youth, 1 MCFN member, and 1 Chief and Council representative. The Appeal Board will hear and decide upon any appeal from an MCFN student regarding a decision made by the Post Secondary Education Officer.

Please provide a written letter as to why you would like to sit on this board.

Deadline for applying is June 20, 2016. Please address to the attention of Cathy Clement, Band Manager.

Community News and Notes

Happy Birthday to my Great Grandsons



Rowan Pine and Alder Pine

Love you both so Very Much

Love, Nanny June



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Just want to say to my son Corey and Jenn I had a great time at your 25th anniversary party and the food was delicious.

Hope the next 25 years is as great as the first 25 years. Sure hope I'm around to celebrate your 50th year.

Love you both so much, MOM

Happy Birthday

Great Great Nephew Landon

You're such a sweetheart

Love, Auntie June

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Happy Birthday Marnie
Love you a whole bunch
Love, Mom



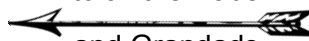
HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, GAGE
June 03
From Mooshum xoxoxoxo



I want to wish my sons,
Murray, father to Tiffany and D.J.
Jeff, father to Jordin and Chandler and
Mark, father to Morgan, Logan,
Madison and stepson Brandon
a very happy Father's Day.
Love, Mom



Happy Father's Day
to all the Dads
and Grandads
out there too.



Happy sweetest birthday,
granddaughter Tiffany.
Hope your day is fulfilled
with happiness.
Love you so much, Nanny



Birthday wishes
to my baby sister June.
Love you dearly, Jackie

Congratulations
to Gloria & Kevin
on their wedding day.



From the Butterfly family.

Kids Corner

Our Missanabie Cree Story 2015

Once upon a time, there was a Cree boy and girl. They were proud to be Missanabie Cree members. The boy named Adam and the girl named Baileigh were lucky to live in two worlds.

One being the big city and the other being the village of Missanabie. Missanabie was a place of fun, where they could run free, play, swim and go fishing.

The city was a busy place where people and cars rushed to go everywhere. They weren't allowed to play in the neighborhoods because of the busy streets.

Adam and Baileigh are proud when they come to Missanabie. They are able to play with their family, friends and are allowed to run free.

Thank You, Missanabie
Love, Adam & Baileigh Nolan

From the Crockpot Cooking Class



Slow Cooker Safety Tips

1. Always cook large pieces of meats such as roasts on high. Unless they were pre-browned first to get the temperature up more quickly and into a safe zone.
2. Keep ingredients especially raw meat, refrigerate and in separate containers until ready to assemble the recipe.
3. Never partially cook meat then refrigerate. Can cause bacterial growth. Keep food safety in mind. So follow the recipes as they are written.
4. Use thermometer in large pieces of meat. To make sure correct temperature is reached.
5. Never reheat leftovers in a slow cooker because it does not reach the necessary high temperature quickly enough to eliminate bacterial growth.
6. Chill all cooked food within two hours of cooking.



Elders Speak

Call out to all Elders:

We are asking for each Elder to make one thing that can be brought to the Gathering for fundraising.

Showing off your skill/gift will do two things:

1. Show people your abilities
2. Make someone happy with something you made from your own mind and two hands.

We will auction/raffle off your piece at Gathering and proceeds will be going to a golf cart to help people get around.

Please take time to do this. We have lots of Elders (anyone 55 and over) and by providing one item we should have enough to have a good night.

Thank you on behalf of the Elders Council

Laura Lee Rawlyk



The next Elders Council Meeting is Thursday, August 18, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Annual Gathering

Any Elders that want to join the Elders Council...

Please call me or email: lrwlyk@missanabiecree.com PH: 1-705-929-4464

Miigwech, Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Elders Liaison

Hail to Proper Procedures:

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

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

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

Miigwech,

Elders' Liaison

Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Aush Kii Ish Kwayo)

Email: lrwlyk@missanabiecree.com

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Elders Speak

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PAGE

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

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

Examples:

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

These are just a few.

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your "needs": _____

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the **Missanabie Cree** First Nation that nominations are underway for the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of Chief and Councillors on the Band Council, for the next ensuing term. The following positions are available: **one (1) Chief** and **five (5) Councillors**. The **Election** will be held on Thursday the **18th** day of **August** 2016. The term of office is for three (3) years.

Please note that nomination of candidates is strictly by using the enclosed mail-in nomination form (Section 7.4 of MCFN Custom Election Code). Mailed nominations not received by the Electoral Officer **on or before 11:59 p.m., June 19, 2016** are **void**.

Carefully follow the steps below to ensure that your Nomination Form will be valid.

1. Potential Candidates (**Nominee**) must complete the Mail-In Nomination Form as provided. Nominee's need a witness eighteen (18) years of age or older to sign attesting to the information,
2. **Nominee** needs to have a nominator & seconder, who are registered band members, to complete their section of the form & sign. A witness signature is needed for the Nominator & Secunder,
3. You can only be nominated for Chief or Councillor, not both positions,
4. Place the MCFN Nomination Form into the self-addressed stamped envelope and place in the mail as soon as possible,
5. Note that mail-in nominations received after **midnight, Sunday, June 19, 2016** will not be eligible.

Nomination Eligibility: To be eligible for nomination as a Candidate

- a) Must be a registered citizen of the Missanabie Cree First Nation & at least eighteen years of age on or before Election Day,
- b) If an employee of the MCFN take a leave of absence upon nomination until Election Day and if elected to office this person will be deemed as resigned from her/his staff position.
- c) must not have been convicted of, not pardoned for, an indictable offence under the *Criminal Code*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46 in the five years prior to the proposed nomination and not sentenced to a period of incarceration as a result of the criminal conviction,
- d) Has not been convicted or found liable by an independent inquiry, commission or court of law for corrupt practices related to any public office including dishonesty, malfeasance or fraud and not convicted or been found liable for breach of trust,
- e) Is not subject to an order for parole which states that such person cannot hold public office, or
- f) Nominee has not been removed from office as a Chief or Councillor; if was removed they must have exhausted the restriction period pursuant to this Code.

If you have any questions call Toll Free: 1-866-286-7130 or email vaughn_johnston@hotmail.com.

Vaughn Johnston, Electoral Officer

Rez Consultants P.O. Box 109 Cutler, ON P0P 1B0

July Birthday Greetings

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Sherri Lynn Black

JULY 2



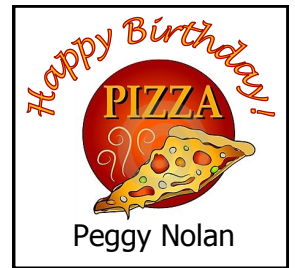
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Terri Lee Montgomery

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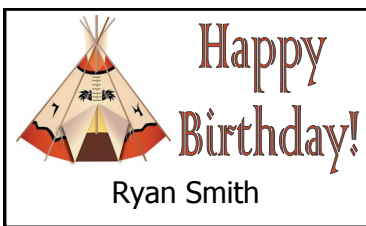
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Peggy Nolan

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Ryan Smith

JULY 9



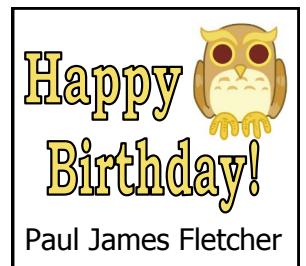
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Megan Harris

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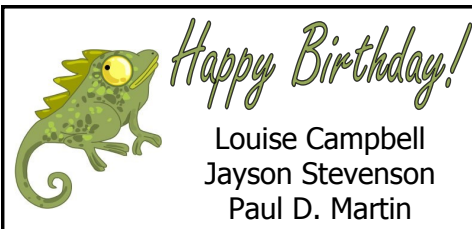
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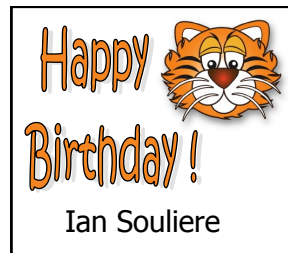
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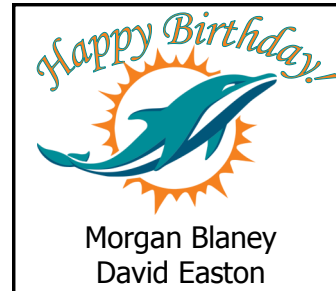
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Paul D. Martin

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Ian Souliere

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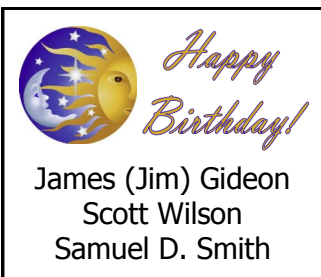
Morgan Blaney
David Easton

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Shawn Pine

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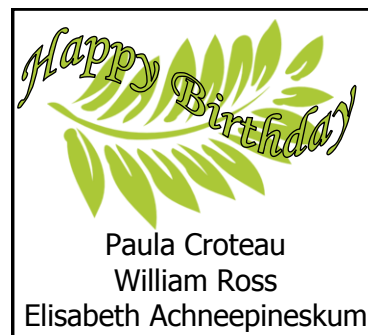
James (Jim) Gideon
Scott Wilson
Samuel D. Smith

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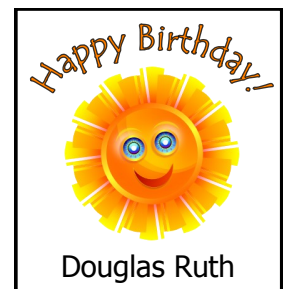
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Luciano Pezzo
Ashley Wilson

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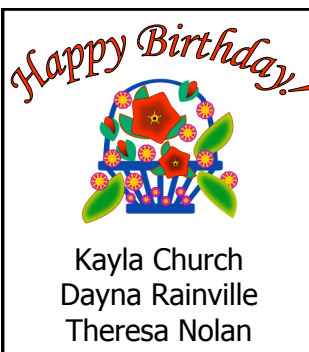
Paula Croteau
William Ross
Elisabeth Achneepineskum

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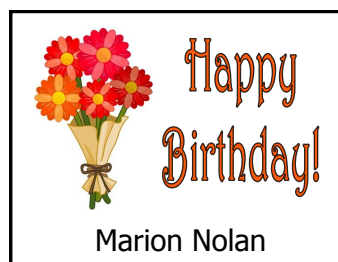
Douglas Ruth

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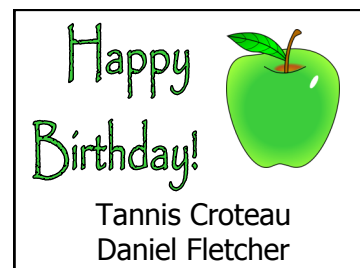
Kayla Church
Dayna Rainville
Theresa Nolan

JULY 28



Marion Nolan

JULY 29



Tannis Croteau
Daniel Fletcher

JULY 30



Karen Boileau

MCFN Events Calendar

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12	13	14 Stained Glass Workshop 6-8 pm	15 Elders Tea Noon Band Office	16	17	18	
19 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice	21 Aboriginal Day	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29 Crock Pot Cooking night Supper 5:30 Cooking 6 to 7	30	For updates, please check our website and FB page, or call the Band Office.		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	Paskiwa Peesim Egg Hatching Moon		For planning purposes, please register for all classes/workshops by calling Lesley at Ext. 226			1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 Making Home Made Fish Crackers Echo Bay 12 Noon Lunch Provided	8	9	
10	11	12 Distribution of Food from our Garden. Pick up at Band Office	13 Elders Tea Noon Band Office	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24/31	25	26	27 Crock Pot Kitchen Supper @ 4:30 Meal Prepara- tion @ 5 pm	28	29	30	

News Items

Accessed May 30 from: <https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2016/05/indigenous-health-investments-to-focus-on-four-priority-areas.html>

INDIGENOUS HEALTH INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCEMENT - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG TERM CARE

May 25, 2016 11:45 A.M. - Ontario's First Nations Health Action Plan will target investments in four key areas: primary care, public health and health promotion, seniors care and hospital services, and life promotion and crisis support. While focused on the North, the plan also includes opportunities for investments in Indigenous health care across Ontario. The province will continue to work with Indigenous partners on key areas such as home and community care, primary care and diabetes prevention and management to ensure that investments are appropriate and effective.

Primary Care

- Investing \$72.2 million over three years and \$37.4 million ongoing.
- Increase physician services by 2,641 days for the 28 FN communities in the Sioux Lookout region.
- Establish a new, culturally appropriate primary health care team in the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA).
- Work with partners to establish up to 10 new or expanded primary care teams that include traditional healing, serving Indigenous communities across Ontario.
- Deliver Indigenous cultural competency training to front-line health care workers who work with First Nation communities.

Public Health and Health Promotion

- Investing \$44.1 million over three years and \$21.3 million ongoing.
- Support the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority's "Approaches to Community Wellbeing" public health model. This includes:
 - The appointment of an Associate Medical Officer of Health dedicated to Indigenous health in the SLFNHA region.
 - Increasing public health nursing, planning and service capacity to SLFNHA and surrounding communities to support an integrated, sustainable and community-owned approach to well-being.

- Supporting communities to develop more robust community health assessments and monitoring and improve the collection of population health data across Northern Ontario to ensure public health services are targeted to specific needs.
- Expand the current Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program to four additional public health regions to provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables for approximately 13,000 more Indigenous children in northern and remote communities.
- Work with Indigenous partners to review and address gaps in diabetes services, to focus on better prevention and management across Ontario.

Seniors Care and Hospital Services

- Investing \$45.3 million over three years and \$20.8 million ongoing.
- \$1 million for hospital beds for seniors at the Meno Ya Win Health Centre to help deliver seniors care closer to home and a capital planning grant to support the development of a senior's care plan in the North.
- Funding to the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority for capital planning and a commitment from the province to help this hospital establish long term financial stability.
- Designated funding to work with Indigenous partners to expand home and community care services for Indigenous communities across the province, including on-reserve.

Life Promotion and Crisis Support

- Investing \$60.0 million over three years and \$25.0 million ongoing.
- Expand supports, including trauma response teams, suicide prevention training, youth recreation/cultural programs and mental health workers in schools, to help communities prevent crisis or manage a crisis should they experience one.
- Expand access to telemedicine to help connect individuals in crisis with appropriate clinical supports.

News Items



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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News Release

Monday, May 30, 2016

For Immediate Release

NAN ACKNOWLEDGES GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO'S COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler acknowledged a commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples made today by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

"I acknowledge the Premier's apology for Ontario's role in the Indian Residential School system and her recognition of the intergenerational injustices the legacy of this abuse has inflicted on our people, many of whom are still suffering today," said NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, who attended the announcement at Queen's Park this morning. "The final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission includes many excellent recommendations to repair the relationship between Indigenous people and the rest of Canada and we welcome this government's commitment to their implementation. I am encouraged by the Premier's commitment to reconciliation and hope this represents a starting point for a new relationship to bring about meaningful improvements in the quality of life for our people.

Released in 2015, the final report of the TRC calls on all of Canada to confront the 'cultural genocide' of the Indian Residential School system and move from 'apology to action' for reconciliation with Aboriginal Peoples. It includes 94 Calls to Action and recommends new and revised legislation for education, health care, child welfare and aboriginal language that will protect children, strengthen families, restore traditional languages and allow First Nations to reconnect with their culture and traditional ways of life.

NAN looks to its provincial Treaty partner for immediate action to improve living conditions in all of NAN's 49 First Nation communities including access to clean drinking water, safe housing and investments in other vital infrastructure to begin to close the gap in quality of life between First Nations people and the rest of Ontario.

Approximately 5,000 NAN members attended Indian Residential Schools. NAN continues to advocate for programs to help individuals and communities and launched the NAN Residential School Curriculum in 2013 to educate youth on the history and impacts of the Residential School system.

For more information please contact: Tamara Piche, Communications Officer – Nishnawbe Aski Nation (807) 625-4906 or cell (807) 621-5549 or by email tpiche@nan.on.ca.

Concerning the Annual Gathering

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



TO HELP OUR ELDERS/YOUTH

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

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

finances/budgeting,	income tax preparation,
job finding skills,	hunting and fishing,
meal planning,	how to identify plants and trees.
resume building,	

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

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

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

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

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

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



Miigwech!

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



Caterer Needed



For more information, contact:

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

Issuing Status Cards at the Gathering

Hello, Members:

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

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

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

You should bring two pieces of ID:

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

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

Passport—counts as two pieces.

Nexus card –counts as two pieces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Miigwech, Ted Ouellet, Registration Administrator

Opportunities



The Aboriginal Sport & Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) is hosting the 2016 Ontario Aboriginal Summer Games (OASG) for the first time this summer! From July 19th to 21st in Brantford and Six Nations, Aboriginal athletes, aged 13-18 (born between 1998-2003) from all across Ontario will compete in the 2016 OASG!

The Games provide athletes with development and competition opportunities that will prepare them for the upcoming 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)

There will be a bus leaving Timmins for the games and returning once the games are complete. Hotels and meals will be included at the games. Chaperones will be needed and are encouraged to apply.

The following website is the OASG event site and registration location:

<http://oasg.aswco.ca>



Opportunities



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



JULY 2016 This 32 week tuition free program will prepare you for work in the Automotive Service Technician Field. The program includes upgrading, Level 1 Automotive Service Technician and an 8-week placement.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Grade 12 or equivalent
- To be of Aboriginal descent
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Eligible to work in Ontario

THIS SAULT COLLEGE PROGRAM IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE IN SAULT STE. MARIE.

For further information, please contact

Lynne Sinclair
Project Coordinator
705.759.2554 Ext. 2587
lsinclair@saultcollege.ca

"This project is funded by the Province of Ontario".

"The views expressed are the views of the recipient and do not necessarily reflect those of the Province."

Opportunities for Youth

Youth/Garden Market/ Gathering Assistant Coordinator

Pending funding

Open to Muskegowuk area FN members

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

Qualifications:

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

Duties/Requirements:

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

Deadline to apply: Immediately

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

559 Queen St. East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

By email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

Opportunities for Youth

Job Posting Project Assistants

Pending funding
Deadline: June 23, 2016

Start Date: July 4, 2016 - August 31, 2016

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for Project Assistants. These positions will continue and maintain the Community Gardens, in Echo Bay and at Island View Camp, as well as plan a bi-weekly Market in our Echo Bay office. Assist in coordinating and implementing activities for youth and elders. These positions will plan activities on a monthly basis, maintain gardens, weeding, picking vegetables, helping with the Annual Gathering, additional duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Must be willing to be trained or provide proof of certification in First Aid CPR, WHMIS, Boat safety
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others.
- Able to work as a team or independently
- Must have the willingness and initiative to learn
- Must be in school and returning to school (documentation required)

Duties/Requirements:

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

To apply for this position, please drop off your cover letter, resume in person at:
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Sault Ste Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

By email to Jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

Opportunities for Youth

Job Posting Summer Camp/Healthy Living Assistant

Deadline: June 23, 2016

Location: Missanabie ON

Start Date: July 4, 2016 - August 31, 2016

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a Summer Camp/ Healthy Living Assistant for Island View Camp in Missanabie Ontario. This individual will have knowledge of camp operations including opening and closing. The ideal candidate will provide excellent communication and customer service, they must be willing to learn and be able to take direction.

Island View Camp is located on the shores of Dog Lake within the boundaries of the Chapleau Game Preserve. Island View Camp offers fishing/hunting and vacation facilities. The camp consists of Cabins, RV sites and a tenting area, as well as fish shack, bait, fuel, pump, store, laundry, cook house and an event facility.

Qualifications:

- Must be in school and returning to school, (provide documentation)
- Ability to lift heavy objects.
- Must be willing to train or provide certification in First Aid CPR, WHMIS, Boat safety, chainsaw certification.
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others as well as independently.
- Knowledge of the Missanabie Area

Duties/Requirements:

- Clean and prepare boats and motors for renters.
- Pile and distribute wood
- Operate the store, take reservations, sell fishing licenses to customers, maintain stock, make trips to other lakes to trap minnows for sale according to our bait license.
- Clean Cabins, shower house, bathrooms.
- Cut grass, pick up garbage and take it to the dump.
- Knowledge of Native Culture would be an asset.

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

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By email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

Opportunities for Youth



Join us today to make a real difference in the lives of Canadians!

At the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) we recognize the importance of education and providing real-world work experience for students. As a result, the CFIA is partnering with post-secondary institutions to provide placement opportunities for Aboriginal students with the potential of permanent job opportunities after graduation.

For the CFIA, the principles of equity, multiculturalism, and diversity underlie the Agency's approach to business. We believe that having a diverse workforce translates to fresh ideas and new ways of addressing the challenges and opportunities we face each day.

What do we do?

The CFIA is dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

The CFIA employs approximately 7000 dedicated, highly trained professionals across Canada. They work in a bilingual and diverse environment to meet the demands of domestic and international markets.

What are potential jobs available?

The Agency can offer you a wide variety of job opportunities all across the country including but not limited to: **Scientific, Inspectors and Veterinarians, Administrative and Clerical, Communications and Public Affairs, Human Resources, Finance, Policy Officers, Information Management and Information Technology.**

How can the CFIA enrich your work experience?

The CFIA is the only department with a *Chief Diversity Officer* whose role is to raise the profile of diversity at the Agency and to promote diversity at a strategic level.

The CFIA has five *Area Equity and Diversity Councils* for volunteers interested in the subject of workplace diversity and employment equity.

The CFIA has eight different Equity and Diversity working groups, one of which is dedicated to Aboriginal People.

The CFIA's *National Aboriginal Advisory Circle* strives to create an environment where Aboriginal people can realize their professional aspirations in a fair, respectful, inclusive and representative work environment. The Circle is championed by the Executive Vice President of the CFIA.

The CFIA is committed to providing a mentorship program to support students and to help them integrate easily into the workplace.

How to apply

If you are interested in a student placement at the CFIA, please send your resume to the following address: Recruitment-Recrutement@inspection.gc.ca. The number associated with this process is **15-ICA-NCR-SPEC-STD-HRSD-651**. Please include this number in the subject line of your email when applying and/or on the cover page of your resume.

For more information and to learn more about the benefits of working at the CFIA, please visit our website at www.inspection.gc.ca.



Employment Opportunities

Job Posting Maintenance/Grounds Keeper

Deadline: June 23, 2016

Location: Echo Bay Ontario

Start Date: July 2016- February 28, 2017

Must be Mushkegowuk area

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking a maintenance/grounds keeper for our Echo Bay Location. The ideal candidate will provide excellent communication and customer service, they must be willing to learn and be able to take direction.

Our Echo Bay Location hosts our community garden as well as a building of offices

Qualifications:

- Must belong to Mushkegowuk First Nations
- Must have some carpentry skills, building materials, knowledge of lawn mowers, gas weed trimmers, garden equipment.
- Ability to lift heavy objects.
- Must be willing to be trained or provide proof of certification in First Aid CPR, WHMIS, Boat safety, chainsaw certification.
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to work with others as well as independently.

Duties/Requirements:

- Clean and maintain building, washrooms, common areas
- Cut grass, trim trees
- Maintain community garden
- Complete and repair unfinished projects.
- Paint.
- Build indoor garden boxes
- Other duties as required.

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

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Sault Ste Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

By email to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com or by Fax 705-254-3292

Attention: June Markie

EXTERNAL JOB POSTING - WASA NABIN YOUTH PROGRAM WORKER**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Providing urban Indigenous youth at-risk ages 13 – 18 with support, tools and healthy activities which will build upon and foster their inherent ability to make healthy choices.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Wasa-Nabin program is to provide support and guidance within a cultural framework for youth who are at risk for specific negative behaviours and outcomes as a result of their circumstances in life. It will incorporate traditional cultural teachings and values to encourage healthy lifestyle choices, foster responsible decision making and influence critical thinking. It is hoped that the youth involved with the program will enhance their skills, knowledge, attitudes and values and will demonstrate positive personal choices.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide social supports to address self-esteem issues, victimization issues and peer pressure
- Through outreach, aims to increase access to culturally appropriate services for youth in care and their families
- Promote health and physical development to address inter-related health impacts of poverty, diabetes and obesity
- Increase support for youth in the education system through homework support, school suspension support, and to provide direct access to computers and literacy initiatives
- Preventative programming and/or intervention strategies for youth involved in the justice system through the use of tools such as “Street Wolf” and the Seven Principles of Self Leadership.
- Addressing violence through collaboration with Kiizhaay Anishnabe Niin (I’m a Kind Man) and with the involvement of Elders.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary education required in Child and Youth or Social Work and two years experience working with Indigenous youth
- Knowledge of community resources, issues facing Indigenous families today
- Experience working with urban Indigenous people/culture.
- Ability to work as a team player and work flexible hours.
- Must possess a valid driver’s license and own a reliable vehicle.
- Must have a current Vulnerable Sector Police Check.
- Must have a passion for working with Indigenous youth.
- Experience in program management; able to plan, organize and manage time
- Able to meet reporting deadlines
- Knowledge of social, cultural, recreational needs and interests of youth.
- Able to work in a team environment as well as individually
- Excellent interpersonal skills, oral and written
- Proficiency in MS Office applications
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture and traditions relevant to the area
- Must have a valid driver’s license and reliable vehicle

Please submit your resumes and three reliable references with full contact information to:

Email: director@ssmifc.ca

Deadline for resumes: Friday, June 17th at 3:00 pm

Employment Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DUBREUILVILLE

Economic Development Officer

(Three-Year Contract – Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$79,000) – (Upon approval of funding)

An Economic Development Officer (EDO) is required for a leadership role in marketing the community, a premier four season destination, and for creating strategies and programs to enhance the business environment, including the key industry sectors of mining, forestry and tourism. The EDO will provide guidance and direction to the Dubreuilville Community Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and work closely with representatives in the local and external business community, government staff, local municipality and industry.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in a related discipline (Planning, Business, Marketing, Tourism, Political Science, Economics, Community Development and/or Economic Development), or equivalent work experience.
- Minimum of three years' experience working directly in a public or private sector environment in one of the areas mentioned above (typically an economic development office/agency).
- Proven ability with collection and analysis of economic and other data to support informed decisions on business development issues, and to ensure a clear understanding of the local economic landscape.
- Demonstrate understanding of municipal government affairs, business support and funding programs.
- Knowledge of French and English, both speaking and reading/writing.
- Use of personal vehicle and willingness to travel when required.
- A detailed job description is available upon request.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a covering letter and a resume by
4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, via e-mail to:

Shelley B. Casey

CAO-Clerk

Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville

23 Pine Street, P. O. Box 367

Dubreuilville ON P0S 1B0

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Email: scasev@dubreuilville.ca

We thank all applicants, but regret that only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.56. The Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville is an equal opportunity employer committed to an inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection process.



MCFN Membership

Our mailing list for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

Office Hours: Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members. A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

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

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

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

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

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

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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.

September 20, 1998