

# Bear Fax

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## Missanabie Cree First Nation

### You have been telling 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 your 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 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.

And I say, 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 come 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.**

-The Elders, Hopi Nation, Oraibi

Background Photo: Rapids, Missanaibi River, Glenn Nolan

## Events/Gatherings: Follow MCFN on Twitter.

### AFN Annual General Assembly

July 12-14, 2016, Niagara Falls, ON

[www.afn.ca/en/the-assembly-of-first-nations-37th-annual-general-assembly](http://www.afn.ca/en/the-assembly-of-first-nations-37th-annual-general-assembly)

### Sustain Algoma Expo

July 23, 2016 Desbarats, ON  
<http://sustainalgomaexpo.com/>

### World Social Forum

August 9-14, 2016 Montreal QC  
<https://fsm2016.org/en/>

### NAN Keewaywin Conference

August 9-11, 2016 Taykwa Tagamou First Nation  
<http://www.nan.on.ca/article/upcoming-events-120.asp>

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**MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING 2016**  
August 13-20, 2016

## Messages from Chief and Council

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

Hello, we had a meeting with Richmond Gold where we discussed and worked on an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) and/or Community Benefit Agreement (CBA). Since this Chief and Council have been in effect we have been involved in open discussions from the past and now into the future since the mine opened. Our discussions have been going along smoothly for both sides. My observations were on a very positive note. I am looking forward to more constructive meetings.

Also, working with Magino Gold (Argonaut) on an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA)/Community Benefit Agreement

(CBA) where we are moving forward in a progressive manner. These discussions have been different from the latter, for Magino has not yet become operational. We've been working in conjunction with our Joint Ventures partners and the mining industries for the betterment of our First Nation. In the upcoming months we have planned many more meetings.

We have been having meetings with Land Transfer Implementation, informing us of the progress on this issue. We are waiting for all parties involved e.g. infrastructure, proceeding slowly but forward in a positive manner.

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

**Please check out the Section - Concerning the Gathering (p.6-7) for notifications and other important information.**

### **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.**

**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 Everyone:

Please accept this as an apology to all the members who have been offended by my comments in the last newsletter; it was inappropriate and unprofessional. Sorry about that everyone! Sometimes personal feelings get in the way of professionalism, for that I apologize but keep in mind that the betterment of our First Nation is a passion of mine and the number one goal for administration.

I'd like to welcome two new employees to MCFN, Jasmine Recollet, our new research assistant; and Patricia Lesage, our new Family Support Worker.

To ensure fairness in the upcoming election, the Chief will no longer be submitting newsletter articles except for their platform. Accomplishments by the Chief will be reported by myself until after the Election so his articles will not be construed as campaigning to ensure the spirit of fairness.

This newsletter, I will be talking about lateral violence: This is about how lateral violence impacts Aboriginal People; **us**.

Unlike workplace bullying, lateral violence differs in that Aboriginal people are now abusing their own people in similar ways that they have been abused. It is a cycle of abuse and its roots lie in factors such as: oppression, intergenerational trauma and the ongoing experiences of racism and discrimination. Through these factors Aboriginal people now become the oppressor and within the workplace or community they now direct abuse to people of their own gender, culture, sexuality, and profession.

In other words, instead of directing their anger at the oppressor, these workplace or community aggressors now direct their anger at their own peers or community members.

Other terms for lateral violence also include workplace bullying, horizontal hostilities/violence, internalized colonialism and relational aggression. Behavioral signs of Lateral Violence are:

- Gossiping
- Rumour mongering
- Using put downs
- Undermining activities

#### POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

**May 15, 2016 was this year's deadline for post-secondary applications.** This included for ongoing students. The entire application package is on the MissanabieCreeFN website.

If your transcripts did not accompany your application, send them in as soon as they are available. No monies will be released until those documents have been received at the office.

If you were in a program for the 2015-2016 academic year, your final transcripts are also required.

- Breaking the confidence of others
- Backstabbing
- Ignoring, excluding or freezing out people
- Whining
- Bickering
- Sarcasm
- Blaming
- Making up and/or exaggerating
- Complaining to peers and not confronting the individual
- Mobbing or ganging up on others
- Yelling or using profanity
- Outward jealousy and envy of others

The list goes on and on.

The Chief has continued to push for our Land Transfer and the Treaty Land Entitlement by attending and corresponding with the government and our legal team. He has met with all the Joint Ventures that we are in partnership with at a meeting that was held in Echo Bay this past couple of weeks and we are happy to report that this relationship is showing signs of being very successful. The Chief is also working diligently on the agreements with the resources companies in our Traditional Territory.

That's all for now! Be Happy!  
Cathy Clement

#### GRADUATES:

A copy of your graduation diploma, certificate or degree is required for your post-secondary files and/or for the recognition at the gathering.

To this date, we have only received one request regarding graduation recognition.

Deb Clement

**MANAGER, ISLAND VIEW CAMP**

Hello and Watchay Everyone!

With summer upon us, we are in the thick of business here at Island View Camp. Our spring open was a great success and our customers have been very pleased with their fishing vacations. I am fortunate to have met so many different people from various walks of life. These initial introductions have become friendships and camaraderie, which inspire us all to remember the more important things in life. Most people forget that it's not the fish that they are after, but rather a means of letting go and appreciating nature and companionship. After all there is something to be said about our clientele that have been returning for 20, 30 and our longest 43 years. I have heard numerous times that this lake and our setting is more home than the place that they live and work. I find it amazing that our membership has a family unrelated but respectfully appreciative.

Despite the busy schedule, and a variety of repairs, more prominent successes are being achieved here at the Camp. For example, we have had visitors from Germany, whom do not speak English, but communicated their appreciation for first nation values and further described their intentions of returning year after year with more relations from their homeland. Very interesting visit indeed!

**ASSISTANT MANAGER, ISLAND VIEW CAMP**

Watchay, my relations:

I'd first like to say that I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and stayed good and warm throughout the winter.

For those who don't know me my name is Brad Nolan, I was hired this year as our first official assistant manager for Island View Camp.

I am very happy to have been chosen for this position, as I love our land and wish to continue living on it. This has granted me the chance to continue the work we (Ty and I) started last year, as I was present at Island View for a majority of the season. I am proud with all the work we accomplished last season, and am even prouder to be

Furthermore, we have had the privilege of having a spontaneous ceremonial sweat by guests from the Residential School Support Services Department. We were suddenly contacted and approached about their visit to our land and the proposition of a sweat ceremony. Upon meeting these two gentlemen, I became enthralled with a spiritual feeling, and following a few teachings, I feel re-inspired to walk that red road. A most difficult challenge, but one necessary for our community. These traditional elders plan to return during our gathering this year. I am excited to have them as guests and mentors.

Since the age of 9 I have been continuously returning to Dog Lake and the surrounding areas of our traditional territories. I am happiest here in the north, where our ancestors once worked the land. I too will one day be an ancestor, privileged to have contributed to our community and membership.

I am pleased to announce the successful progress of Island View Camp, with regards to our ongoing marketing campaign. Our re-bookings for 2017 are evidence of customer loyalty, and having various new guests is a positive indication that our efforts of re marketing the business is working.

Thank you and Meegwetch for reading and considering these stories.

Ty Hourtovenko

able to officially continue this work as a staff member. Our efforts are making a positive shift for the business, our customers, our community and our future generations. Meegwetch for the opportunity, and a special thank you to all those who support our efforts.

When I arrived May 15 we did a walkthrough of the grounds and cabins and started work immediately. Due to the stresses of winter, there were small plumbing issues and debris that that were all addressed, then the total cleanup of the cabins and grounds. Cabins are up and running! Opening week was amazing! All of our customers are very satisfied with our many improvements and work ethic. Our customers are even more pleased with the great fishing season!



Much of our seasonal start up included small renovations that add visual appeal and help in sustaining clean and functional environments. With added improvements to the RV lot and facilities, we stand with a goal of hav-

ing a no vacancy lot in the coming years. I look forward to the rest of the season and making memories here at IVC.

Meegwetch, Assistant Manager, Brad Nolan

### GATHERING COORDINATOR

**Deadline for registration is firm: July 8<sup>th</sup> for air travel; no air travel will be booked for registrations after this date. July 15<sup>th</sup> for all other Gathering registrations**

Motel rooms are for those travelling by air only and will be booked by Missanabie Cree First Nation staff for the night of arrival and day of departure.

Requests for air travel must be for documented medical reasons or for practical purposes as discussed with coordinator.

The mileage rates that will be paid are expected to cover some of your travel costs including any overnight accommodations along the way, not all of them. The actual rate is still unknown at this time: it depends on the actual funds received into MCFN by July 15th.

Check-in Registration at the Gathering will only be open from 8 AM until 12 Noon daily, Sunday through Friday.

The catering/cooking situation is still pending because we still cannot find a professional caterer who will come to Missanabie and not charge us an exorbitant fee. The search for a caterer started in January.

**Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> now as we need to make those decisions before registration deadline.**

Once accommodations have been assigned, there will be no changes made by the coordinator. The Martel Inc. contact person or on site and the Island View Camp Manager/outside office area will have a list of who is staying where for their site only as well as there will be signs on each of the units.

A list of assigned RV spots will be posted: at Martel's, posting on the laundry facility doors; Island View posting on Guest laundry room door which is across from the sites.

Those who arrive early are not to take a camping spot that is not allocated to the them, or they will have to move.

Deb Clement

### FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

**Wachay, Waynaboozhoo**

First of all, I would like to express my Congratulations to all 2016 Graduates of the Missanabie Cree First Nation. Summer is here finally! It is with great honour and respect to accept employment with Missanabie Cree First Nation for the position of Family Support Worker.

My name is Patricia Lesage. I am an Oji-Cree Anishinabe Ikwe from the Caribou Clan. I am a mother of 4 children. I have worked frontline for the past 15 years in Indigenous Child Welfare/ Family Restoration. I also bring an

extensive educational background in law and social work that assists my work in moving forward as a people the Muskegowuk.

Together, we will work to ensure our future generations have strong Indigenous Families, rich in cultural knowledge and embedded with the Elders' Teachings . I look forward to meeting you all at the Annual Gathering in August 2016.

Amino bimaadiziwin.

In Spirit, Patricia Lesage

# Concerning the Annual Gathering

## Important Announcements

Please ensure that your registration is submitted by the dates indicated. **July 8 for air travel, July 15 for ground travel.** After July 15, there is no guarantee that your travel will be funded, as all decisions regarding spending will be made at that time.

This year, there will be a deposit required for certain items made available for the use of our members. This is being done to ensure that the items are returned to the First Nation for use at next year's Gathering.

There will be no credit given to anyone wishing to purchase items from the Petaybun's fund-raising venture. Cash only please. Any holds on an item will be only for the day, and if the item is not picked up and paid for, the item will go back on the shelf for sale.

Miigwech for your consideration. Have a safe journey to the Gathering.

## 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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dclement@missanabiecree.com)**  
**Or call the Band Office at 705-254-2702**

**Missanabie Cree First Nation  
Candidates to Appear on Ballot**

General Election of August 18, 2016

***Candidates for Chief***

GAUTHIER, Jason

HORN, Jutta

***Candidates for Councillor***

FLETCHER, Shelly

FLETCHER, Terri Lou

HAWKINS-FLETCHER, Glad

MCLEOD, Cory

NOLAN, Leslie

NOLAN, Michael

PARAYKO, Chelsie

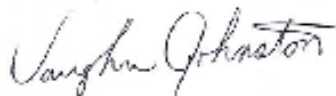
PINE, Shawn

ROBINSON, Edward William

SMITH, Tracee

SOULIERE, Isabell

WIEBE, Bonnie



Vaughn Johnston  
Electoral Officer

Monday, June 20, 2016

Date



## **MCFN GENERAL ELECTION**

### **Postal Strike**

The General Election for Chief & five (5) Councillors is set for August 18, 2016 at the Annual Gathering in Missanabie, ON from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Eligible voters have two methods of casting a vote; all voters that I have an updated address will receive a ballot package in the mail to cast a vote or voters can cast a vote in-person on Poll Day.

Canada Post has announced a lockout of workers, possibly beginning this Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>; the extent of the lockout is unknown. The ballot packages are being mailed by Xpresspost and will include a signature upon receipt. The use of Xpresspost will speed up mail delivery of the ballot to the eligible voter. With up to 49 days to receive and return the mail in ballot, gives sufficient time for the ballot to make it back to the Electoral Officer before the Poll date of August 18, 2016.

The stoppage in mail delivery will take away from the total number of available days from the mail out ballot process. Your Custom Code has sufficient days already built in to accommodate a short delay. If the postal strike is lengthy another contingency plan will have to be implemented.

Moving the Poll Day further back to reflect the loss in Canada Post being closed is not an option at this time for those voting members of Missanabie Cree, as the Annual Gathering is traditional for voting purposes.

Schedule A of the MCFN Custom Election Code 2. (a), (b) p. 27 gives the Electoral Officer the authority to adjust the procedure of the Code to make necessary changes to conduct the Election. I am exercising this authority to deal with the Canada Post lockout.

Given under my hand on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.




Vaughn Johnston  
Electoral Officer

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Toll Free: 1.866.286.7130  
Text: 1.705.849.8072


# Community News and Notes

Happy Birthday  
Shawn  
Love you, my Son  
Mama




Happy Birthday  
to my Grandson Codey Pine

Love you,  
Codey.  
Nanny June




Happy Birthday  
Morgan

Love, Nanny Fletcher



Happy Birthday  
to my Great Grandson,  
Seifer




Love you, my great Grandson  
Love, Great Grandma JUNE




Happy Birthday  
to my Granddaughter  
Jessica Pine

Love you Jess, very, very much,  
NAN



Happy Birthday  
to my Great Nephews,  
Scott Wilson and  
Ashley Wilson.

Love, Auntie June




Happy Birthday  
ARIA

To my special  
Great granddaughter's  
2nd birthday  
From Nanny Fletcher

*Welcome*

To the Yerex Family

Welcome to the  
Missanabie Cree First Nation

Hugs,

From Joanne, Carol, Lori,  
and the Jeffries Family

**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.

**SHARE YOUR STORIES** Have some news you'd like to share, or a greeting to someone special? If you do, you may send your submission to be posted to Community News and Notes.

**Deadline for submissions is the 25th day of each month** for posting to the next month's issue of Bear Fax.

Please send to [eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com](mailto:eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com) or by fax at 705-254-2702 to the Band Office. Miigwech,

## Community News and Notes



To Paul Fletcher upon his retirement May 27, 2016 from Bombardier after over 32 years of service.

To Robert Ewing and Phyllicia Taylor on the birth of their son, Everett James Ewing, on January 21, 2016. Everett will be attending the Annual Gathering in August with his mom and dad. Also for the purchase of their new home.

To Brent Fletcher & Katelyn Hacquoil upon the purchase of their new home.

We are so proud of all of you. The Fletcher Family.



We are very proud of our grand daughter Mackenzie for her Visual Arts Award where her teacher praised her for her visions and her pride in her First Nation.

Councillor Les and Marion Nolan

## Mushkegowuk Youth Walk of Hope

“Over the last few months, many Mushkegowuk young people reached out to my office in their quest for a better future leading to healthier families and communities,” said Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon, who plans to join the walkers along the way. “Today, I’m calling on our political leaders and also all levels of government to say it is time for immediate action. We have lost too much time talking as we have seen for too long hopelessness ravage our communities. These young warriors deserve honor and respect for their strength and resiliency along this journey and let’s all pray for their continued safety.”

The Youth Walk of Hope is a suicide awareness campaign initiated by the young people in the Mushkegowuk First Nation communities. The Walk started in Cochrane, Ontario on Tuesday June 7th and the youth will journey more than 865 kilometers with an arrival on Saturday July 9th in Niagara Falls, Ontario, site of this year’s AFN Annual General Assembly. They will address the AFN Youth Summit on Sunday July 10th.

Support the Youth Walk of Hope at: <https://www.gofundme.com/walkofhopemc>

For more information see the Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/walkofhopemc](http://www.facebook.com/walkofhopemc) and on Twitter with hashtags #Lovelife #Walkofhope #RiseofNation [ *Excerpt from <http://www.turtleisland.org/discussion/viewtopic.php?p=18446#p18446> ]*



## Community News and Notes

# Are you someone who has been impacted by the Motherisk Laboratory hair testing?

The Motherisk Commission was established to offer support and assistance to persons affected by the Motherisk Laboratory hair testing.

For individuals who have been impacted by a Motherisk hair test between 1990 and 2015 the Commission will offer:

- Information
- Counselling
- Legal advice
- Other support as required

**For more information please contact:**

**[info@motheriskcommission.ca](mailto:info@motheriskcommission.ca)**

**1-844-303-5476 (toll free)**

**400 University Avenue, Suite 1800A  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9**



**Have you been  
involved with  
the Children's  
Aid Society?**

**Was your hair  
tested for  
drugs and/or  
alcohol to be  
used by the  
Childrens Aid  
Society in  
court?**

# Community News and Notes

Attention ALL Health Directors,

There continues to be an ongoing struggle to obtain Birth Registrations among Babies being born from Northern Communities. Unfortunately, many of the difficulties and delays are due to Babies not having their Birth Father present to sign or first names are not yet determined for the Babies. The Birth Registrations are encouraged to be, and CAN be completed at the hospital PRIOR to the Mom and Baby returning home. Nurses, and in some hospitals- Indigenous Workers are there to assist New Mom's. Registrations can also be done from home and sent in either by mail, or done on-line. Birth Registration is FREE!

Important things to make New Parents aware of. The following list can ONLY be obtained by COMPLETING the Birth Registration:

**Canada Child Benefit**

**Health Card**

**Birth Certificate**

**Status Card**

**Social Insurance Card**

It becomes more complicated and the process lengthier when not registered before the Baby is 30 days old. However, it still MUST be done so that healthcare is covered, among other benefits - listed. The result for children without their Birth Registrations completed results in them NOT having OHIP or STATUS medical coverage. Therefore, ANY trips for health reasons to a hospital results in a charge of that visit to THEM. These costs will be billed to them, some places have been absorbing the costs in their facilities, however, this will not be happening for much longer. These absorbing costs for these facilities are costing over \$300,000/year, and take away from other programs.

If the Birth Father is NOT present, the Mother CAN fill out, sign and submit the Registration. When the Father is not present to sign, the Baby's name WILL be registered with the Mother's Last Name, BUT CAN BE changed later, by request (for Birth Certificate, etc.) the last name CAN be changed to the Father's last name. On-Line signatures are NOT needed, they only ask for both parents to be present at the computer when submitting. For further information in regards to Birth Registration, the link is: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/register-birth-new-baby>.

As Health Directors for each Community, I am requesting from you to please contact Mothers in your communities and find out whether their babies births have been Registered or not. Obtain a list of the Babies born but NOT Registered, and assist the mothers in applying for their Birth Registrations as soon as possible. Birth Registration for babies up to 30 days old is FREE. After this, a Birth Certificate is required, which costs \$25.00. This is a cost for the parents, and a fee I am looking for any suggestions for, on how to waive for the parents. However, at present, it is a fee that MUST be paid when applying for the Birth Certificate. A suggestion on how to find out if children (over 30 days) had their Birth Registration done, is to perhaps contact the schools with a note home for the children to return with a yes or no from the parents.

Obtaining Birth Registration is of the utmost importance, as it is MANDATORY when looking at receiving any form of Healthcare in the future, and in order for parents to receive Child Tax Benefit-to name a few.

I appreciate your participation in this matter, and I look forward to learning of your feedback and progress. I feel that by working together and informing the Expectant Mothers of the importance of Birth Registration, we can resolve this issue. I also feel that, perhaps parents are not aware of the importance of Birth Registration. Therefore, I am confident that we as Health Directed workers, can be the driving force behind informing them and resolving this issue. I will follow-up with the progress in a month from now to see how this is going for everyone. For any questions, or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Kindest Regards,

Sarah Pellerin, RN | Community Health Nurse-Manager | 807.625.4950

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Office: 807.623.8228 | Fax: 807.623.7730

100 Back Street Rd., Unit 200 | Thunder Bay, ON | P7J 1L2



# Elders Speak



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: [lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com) PH: 1-705-929-4464

Miigwech, Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Elders Liaison

## Sharing Goodness

We wish to share, our wonderful news with our family and friends that, we are expecting our fourth grandchild. Being grandparents to Mika, Takeo, and Kie is the greatest gift. We are also so proud of our eldest daughter, Laura-May Rawlyk-McGuire graduating, top women of her class. She has accepted a new position as a police-women in the New Orleans Police Department. We wish the best for her in her new career.

We thank the Creator for the blessings we have had over the past years. My family is what drives me to be a better person. Try to help when ever I am needed. If you

believe in yourself and the Creator, I truly believe goodness will prevail. You are always guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings and if you adhere to and apply this to your everyday challenges, life will treat you well. This is not hard at all if you were taught this from a very early age and carried the teachings with you.

I pray for a wellness and healing for our First Nation and to unite together as one entity, as we are the strongest when we stand together!

Miigwech

Laura-Lee Rawlyk Aush Kii Ish Kwayo  
Elders Liaison

## 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 the 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

# Elders Speak

Wachay Chief and Council,

We, the Elders Council would like to take this opportunity to respectfully thank our Chief and Council for their continuous efforts in attaining a means of alternate transportation for all the elderly and disabled community members during this up coming and future Annual Gatherings. We would especially like to thank Chief Gauthier for securing a vehicle for the Elders. It was donated by Richmond. Councillor Cory McLeod was instrumental in acquiring the deal.

## Good Wishes

I would like to extend my love, support and good wishes to all the candidates that are running for this election.

I have only one comment for all of you. *If you are running because you believe you can make a difference (which I am sure that is what you are doing) then be committed to the position. Things can't change the way you would like to see them change if you are not there.*

## 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).

Hats off to Chief Gauthier and Councillor Cory McLeod! Well done! Well done in deed!

This vehicle will be beneficial in the transportation to and from the Kee Kaw Naw, where people gather, for meals, meetings, and workshops etc. Handi-capped people with health issues, and our elderly that have difficulty walking, breathing, etc.

Chi-Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech,  
Laura-Lee Rawlyk Aush kii Ish Kwayo  
Elders Liaison

I know there are times when you can't be at all of the meetings but if your life is so busy with other things then MCFN is not a priority. In my rough estimation I believe the average age of the candidates is 45 - just the perfect number - some are in their prime, others in their youth and some in their elder years and we certainly have capacity. Good luck and thanks for running. -

Jackie Fletcher

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](mailto: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: [lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your "needs": \_\_\_\_\_

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# August Birthday Greetings

AUGUST 2

Happy Birthday!



Jason Shelswell  
Juliana Wesley

AUGUST 3


Happy Birthday!



Caroline Legacy

AUGUST 6


Happy Birthday!



Norma Lacroix

AUGUST 7

Happy Birthday!



Iris Jeffries

AUGUST 8

Happy Birthday!



Jeffrey Fletcher  
Carol Jeffries

AUGUST 9


Happy Birthday!



Rebecca Johnson

AUGUST 10


Happy Birthday!



Deborah Clement  
Neil Golden  
Kathryn Jeremiah  
Kim Rainville

AUGUST 12


Happy Birthday!



Melissa Boileau  
William Louttit  
Sage McLeod  
Alysia Souliere

AUGUST 13


Happy BIRTHDAY!



Deborah Ewing

AUGUST 14


Happy Birthday



Leo Bergeron

AUGUST 15


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Raymond Kooses

AUGUST 17

Happy Birthday



Audrey Bateson

AUGUST 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dwight McDonald

AUGUST 19

Happy Birthday!



Margaret Bergeron

AUGUST 23


Happy Birthday!



Jordan Fletcher

AUGUST 24


Happy Birthday!



Gregory Fletcher  
Lesley Gagnon

AUGUST 25


Happy Birthday



Craig Pelletier  
Daniel Rocheleau

AUGUST 26


Happy Birthday



Mary Ann Ross

AUGUST 27


Happy Birthday!



Jordin Fletcher  
Bradley MacDonald  
Marie Nolan  
Dave K. Ouellet

AUGUST 28


Happy Birthday!



Martin Grant

AUGUST 30


Happy Birthday!



Sherri-Lynn Astle  
John Nemeth

AUGUST 31


Happy Birthday



Daniel Nolan

# MCFN Events Calendar

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

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	<b>1 Civic Holiday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Baby Moccasin Making Workshop Echo Bay 5:30 - 8:30 pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Baby Moccasin Making Workshop Echo Bay 5:30 - 8:30 pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>MCFN Annual Gathering 2016 August 13- 20, 2016 Missanabie, ON</b>			<b>20</b>
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# News Items



**Nishnawbe Aski Nation**

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## Nishnawbe Aski Nation Youth Declaration

**We, the Indigenous Youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation**, have a special relationship with the Creator and the lands, and we will continue to maintain that.

We, the undersigned Youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation, held a historic meeting with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, Members of Parliament and the Senate of Canada on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario on June 13, 2016.

There is a multitude of problems that youth face in our territory of Nishnawbe Aski Nation, that stem from colonial practices including Indian Residential Schools and identity genocide. Our whole Nation faces these problems on a daily basis.

As youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation we demand long-term and positive solutions, that create change for a safe environment needed in our communities so that our Nation can thrive and flourish, as:

- I. our Indigenous Youth across the country are sacred gifts from the Creator;
- II. our Indigenous Peoples are descended from those who have been on this land since time immemorial;
- III. the Indigenous Youth are entitled to proper special care and assistance according to Jordan's Principle;
- IV. the Government of Canada has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognizes the collective rights of Aboriginal Peoples living in Canada including Inherent rights to traditional lands and territories, self-determination, and recognition of culture and language;
- V. the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls on Canada to confront the cultural genocide of the Indian Residential School system and move from apology to action for reconciliation with Aboriginal Peoples, and includes 94 Calls to Action on education, 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;
- VI. the Indigenous Youth, for the full and harmonious development of our personalities, should grow up encircled by family, community and culture, in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and understanding;
- VII. the Creator has from time immemorial placed ancestors and descendants of the youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation and youth continue to live on this land;
- VIII. the Indigenous Youth have an Inherent Aboriginal Right to access our lands according to Treaties of Canada and Ontario;
- IX. the Creator has given the Nishnawbe (Ojibway, Oji-Cree) and Inninewuk (Cree) people their own unique languages, cultures and traditions with which they have thrived; and
- X. the Indigenous Youth may relocate to off-reserve settings, and continue to have Inherent, Treaty and Aboriginal rights regardless of where we live.

The intent of this declaration is the start of a unique relationship between the youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation

and the Prime Minister of Canada to continue to work together to save lives, develop healthy communities and healthy youth in our territory for generations and for future generations.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Youth specifically want to have annual meetings to measure our progress and ample opportunity to discuss our issues, concerns and solutions with the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada.

**The Indigenous Youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation hereby Declare that Indigenous Youth of Canada:**

1. Have the right to life.
2. Have the right to sufficient and nourishing food to support their health and development.
3. Have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and access to facilities for the treatment and aftercare of illness and rehabilitation of all aspects health.
4. Have a right to proper housing free of mold with adequate space, and built in accordance with Canadian Building Standards.
5. Have the right to determine our own standard of living adequate for physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.
6. Have the right to be protected from all forms of physical, sexual or mental, injury or abuse, bullying, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual exploitation.
7. Have the right to fully funded culturally appropriate education, including post-secondary institutions, directed to the development of the youth's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential both on and off-reserve.
8. Have the right to access services, programs, assistance for youth with special needs and disabilities which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the youth's active participation in the community.
9. Have the right to be raised in their own family, community and culture in this generation and for generations to come.
10. Have the right to know and learn about their culture, language, customs and traditions, at school, at home and in the community.
11. Have the right to be respected as Indigenous Peoples free from racism and discrimination.
12. Have the right to access and to nourish their connection to their ancestral land.
13. Have the right to engage in play, recreation, rest and leisure activities appropriate to the age of the youth and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.
14. Have the right to live healthy lifestyles with access to properly funded facilities and programming.
15. Have the right to live a life free from and protected from gambling, illicit drug and alcohol use.
16. Have the right to express our views freely in all matters affecting the youth.
17. Have the right to equal opportunities for employment, training and other economic prospects both on and off-reserve.
18. Have the right to enjoy resource revenue sharing in the economic development of First Nations traditional territories, for generations to come.
19. Have the right to have appropriate amounts of funding and resources allocated to community infrastructure, and to be able to have the ability to stay on traditional land and territory despite the effects climate change is having on the land.

We offer these words as our resolve to the Chiefs of Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Government of Canada and the People of Canada.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2016, in the Traditional Territory of the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg in Ottawa, Ontario.

# Opportunities



## WEE TUM MA KEH WINA

### 2016 FOOD SYMPOSIUM

AUGUST 23, 24 & 25, 2016

CAMP DUNCAN, EAST LOON LAKE

The Symposium will be an opportunity for Youth aged 18 – 30 years old and Elders to connect, share and learn traditional knowledge around food. The event will include story sharing circles, traditional country food preparation, canning and preserving, and other activities.

For more information, please contact Kari Chiappetta at 1 807 621 6225, [kcconsulting@shaw.ca](mailto:kcconsulting@shaw.ca) or go to: [www.kiitigaanaaskihub.ca](http://www.kiitigaanaaskihub.ca)

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2016

Trapping

Herbal Medicines

Gardening

Storytelling

Wild Food Canning

Wild Rice Harvesting

and Preparation

Food Champion Awards

And many more...



*With special guests  
Debajehmujig  
Theatre Group*



To: NAN First Nation Communities

From: Kari Chiappetta, NAN Food Symposium Coordinator

Date: June 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Upcoming WEE TUM MA KEH WINA- NAN Food Symposium- August 23, 24, 25, 2016

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**Requested delegates from each community?**

- NAN will cover travel, accommodations, meal expenses and Symposium costs for one youth delegate (18- 30 years) from each community.
- This event will be an alcohol and drug free event

**Cost**

- Registration Fee- \$300 *registration fee covers travel, accommodations, meal expenses and Symposium costs*
- travel will not be booked until registration fee is received
- Registration cheques to be made out to Nishnawbe Aski Nation and mailed C/O Kari Chiappetta Consulting 210 West Moodie Street Thunder Bay ON P7E 5A4

**Packing List**

The entire event will be held at Camp Duncan, East Loon Lake which is approximately 40 minutes outside of Thunder Bay. Delegates will be staying in cabins and are required to bring the following items

- |                            |                      |               |                               |
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| •pillows and sleeping bags | •towels, face cloths | •bathing suit | •hats                         |
| •toiletries                | •umbrellas           | •rain gear    | •weather appropriate clothing |
| •Instruments for campfire  |                      |               |                               |

*There may be space and funding available for additional youth to attend the Symposium. If you are interested in attending but there is already one delegate registered from your community, please complete a registration form and return it to Kari by Friday July 15, 2016 to be placed on a wait list.*

**Further information:**

Conference registration form and travel form are attached.

For more information, contact Kari Chiappetta, Symposium Coordinator at:

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email : [kccconsulting@shaw.ca](mailto:kccconsulting@shaw.ca)

**Registration Deadline : Friday July 15, 2016**

## 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	
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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