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Missanabie Cree First Nation



## The Supreme Court of Canada Recognizes Aboriginal Title

On June 26, Supreme Court of Canada rendered a decision that grants title over 1,750 square kilometres of land to Tsilhqot'in First Nation in British Columbia and adopts a broad approach to Aboriginal title. This is a significant win, not only for First Nations in BC, but for all First Nations across Canada.

The implications of this landmark decision are being discussed by legal experts. Our people have always believed that we have title to this land, Our relationship with the land is different from the European view, who see land as a commodity, or property. We see the earth as a living being in relationships with other living beings.

However, this decision supports our claims to the land, and will be a significant safeguard as resource development corporations threaten to undermine, even destroy, what supports our life on this earth: the land, water, and the air we breathe. This decision will help us to fulfill our responsibilities to protect our world, and the future of our children and grandchildren.

## Events/Gatherings:

### Live Green Toronto Festival

July 19, 2014 Dundas Square, Toronto, ON  
<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnex>  
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### Grassy Narrows River Run

July 28 - August 1, 2014 Toronto, ON  
<http://freegrassy.net/>

### 250th Anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara

August 1-2, 2014 Along the Niagara River  
<http://chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/920>

### NAN - XXXIII Keewaywin Conference

August 5, 6 & 7, 2014 Fort William First Nation  
[www.nan.on.ca](http://www.nan.on.ca)

### NAN Food Symposium 2014 - Traditional Food without Borders

August 26-28, 2014 Fort William First Nation  
[www.nan.on.ca](http://www.nan.on.ca)

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**MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING**  
**AUGUST 18-22, 2014**  
**ISLAND VIEW CAMP, MISSANABIE, ON**

## Message from the Chief

Wachay,

I would like to report on many different initiatives over the last couple of months.

Council has been working diligently regarding the "Transfer of Lands" negotiations, and hope to have the land title in the near future. We have met with Ontario and Canada monthly, and have been getting regular updates from our lawyers on the process of the negotiations.

Council have been engaged with several companies in the area to engage in negotiations regarding how Missanabie Cree First Nation can meaningfully engage with any resource companies over the upcoming years.

### Tembec

We have leveraged this agreement in order to fund a portion of the 2014 gathering. We have met with them in regards to areas of concern and alternatives to herbicides and several other matters.

### Nextbridge

We have met with this company and have negotiated a Contribution funding agreement that will include funding to our gathering, and continued engagement.

### Trans Canada

We have been in discussion, and have negotiated an agreement that includes TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) funding, and includes a contribution to our gathering.

### Argonaut Gold

We have met with this company and also have agreed to a review of their Environmental assessment, and provide a report regarding our TEK. We have employed MERC (Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre) to collate our information and engage in more interviews.

### Canadian Orebodies

We are working on finalizing an agreement with this junior mining company in order to make sure our land will be properly considered in their work and that we are properly consulted.

### Barrick Gold

We have been working with this company to help meaningfully assess the state of the water within the legacy mining site of Renabie mine. We have agreed to work on a Terms of Reference, and a monitoring program that will continue the discussion that I feel this site deserves.

### Rentek

We have met with this wood pellet producing company through the NSRCF (Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum) and hope to have a long and positive relationship with this company.

### Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

We have met with this ministry several times over the last year in order to discuss the importance of the future of mining within our homelands. We have also discussed the importance of meaningful engagement with proponents and companies in order to discuss our aboriginal rights in regards to our territory.

### Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

I have met with Chapleau district, Wawa District, and Hearst District MNR on numerous occasions to discuss the FMPs (Forest Management Plans), Herbicides, Amendments to Forestry Reserves, Manitou Mountain, Transfer of Lands, hunting, trapping, fishing, conservation and funding. Our relationship with the ministry has been progressive and reciprocal.

### Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

I have met with MAA on several occasions to discuss our Transfer of Lands and the additions to reserve process. There has also been support to continue the engage-

## Message from the Chief

ment process with MFN (Michipicoten First Nation). There are also other ministries we have met with and Federal departments. (Ontario Power Authority, AANDC)

We have also met with our Sister First Nations on the Tribal Council level, the regional level and the individual level. We have met with and continue to create new relationships with other First Nations and keep ourselves informed of all current events regarding First Nation Issues. We attend NAN (Nishnawbe Aski Nation), MC (Mushkegowuk Council), COO (Chiefs of Ontario), NSRCF, and others.

We have met several times face to face as Chief and Council for strategic planning sessions to discuss Portfolios, Communication, direction, relationship building etc. These sessions I believe have been wildly successful and look forward to having more of these sessions in the future.

We have also been deeply committed to comprehensive community planning. I am committed to spending as much available time I have in this deeply important project. I hope to create unity and healing through this process. I am very optimistic of the outcomes. Dr. Michael and Judy Bopp are both amazing planners and I hope that everyone sees what a fundamentally important initiative that this is.

I would like to express my sympathies to those who have lost people in the last year. I would also like to congratulate all those who have been part of new life, mothers, fathers, grandparents, great grandparent and even great great grandparents. I pray for all my relations past present and future. I pray for a United Nation, A United Family. So, stay positive, stay loving and be well...

If you have any question regarding this report, email me, call me, Facebook me.

Chief Jason Gauthier

## Messages from Council

"Hello everyone! My message is intended to be light-hearted and cheerful given summer is finally here, school is out and vacations have begun.

I wish to send big wholehearted congratulations to all the graduates of Missanabie Cree First Nation who have now finally finished that last high school test, skills training project, literacy presentation, college exam, or hand-

ed in that last university research paper.

I hope you all enjoyed your graduation and convocation ceremonies because you deserve many huge accolades after all your hard work and perseverance! Congratulations!!"

Victoria Pezzo, Deputy Chief, MCFN

## From the desk of:

### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Hello, Everyone.

I've been busy here at work. I work in the area of health as well as the programs. Here is a bit of the stuff I've been up to in the past couple of months.

I look after the Rama requests that come in and ensure all the documents are there and that they are required in order to present to Council or the Band Manager. I also look after the travel requirements for members travelling to doctor's appointments that are out of town in which

## From the desk of:

they live. I also assist with referrals to different agencies when need be.

This past month our families went Strawberry Picking at Thompson Farms. We had 16 people show up to pick. Each family picked 2 baskets; they kept one and one was for the First Nation. The ones for the First Nation will be available at this year's Gathering.

Our Community Garden is coming along. We have 2 locations now. One is here in Sault Ste. Marie and one in Missanabie, ON. We bring the garden vegetables here to the office, for people to come and pick up. Our gardens consist of tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, beans, peas, radishes onions and zucchini. We will also be canning vegetables that will be available at the Gathering.

We will also be planning a Family Fun Day here in Sault Ste. Marie, The location will be at Sunny Side Beach

(Kayla's House). The date has not yet been confirmed. Please watch for the date to be posted on the face book page or give me a call at the office.

I am always looking for different types of activities for the membership to do here in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as ones that everyone across the country can participate in. If anyone has any suggestions please feel free to give me a call.

I am also planning a Healthy Living Family Activity Challenge for the months of September, October and November 2014. Anyone can participate, young or old. Information will be available at this year's Gathering. Please watch for it.

If anyone has any questions or requires more information in regards to my newsletter report, please give me a call.

Lesley Gagnon

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### **GARDENING AND HARVESTER ASSISTANT**

Hi, my name is Owen Boyer, I am the gardening and harvester assistant for the Missanabie Cree First Nation band. I am currently working and researching at the MCFN band office but very soon I will be working in Missanabie at Island View Camp. Island View is where I will be mostly gardening, but also doing a variety of different jobs/tasks.

I am extremely excited to begin working at Island View because it's a great opportunity, being sixteen and being able to gain experience, earn money and learn new skills.

### **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Hi my name is Louis Bissaillion. I was hired as a summer student in the position of Office Assistant.

My parents are Lesley Gagnon and Robert Bissaillion, I

hope to learn many new things here at Missanabie Cree First Nation, as well as meet new people. I am looking forward to help plan activities for this year's Gathering.

Signing off now,  
Louis

### **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Hello my name Robert Pine. I am seventeen years old and I was hired as a summer student working as an office assistant at Missanabie Cree First Nation. My parents are Lori Dearing and Shawn Pine.

I will be learning different aspects of the office and helping with this year's Gathering, as well as helping other office staff with different duties.. I was working here as an office assistant last year, and I am looking forward to learning more things to expand my knowledge.

Robert Pine

# Community News and Notes

## Attention Every One Missanabie Cree First Nation VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

1. Grave yard clean up July 28, 2014
2. Island View Camp Ramp Building Day July 29, 2014

We are looking for volunteers to come out and help clean up the grave yard and also build some ramps and walk ways at IVC in order to get ready for our gathering.

Missanabie Cree will assist with the gas cost for travel to and from the site within reasonable travel and as well as providing groceries for you.

Accommodations will be shared at IVC.

If you have extra space in your vehicle, to take a person that doesn't drive it would be appreciated.

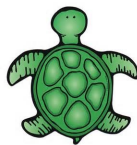
**Travel for this event will be on the July 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**You must register for this event with Lesley Gagnon**  
**@ MCFN 1-800-319-3001 ext 226**



Chris Church-  
June 21st  
Happy 20th  
Birthday Chris.

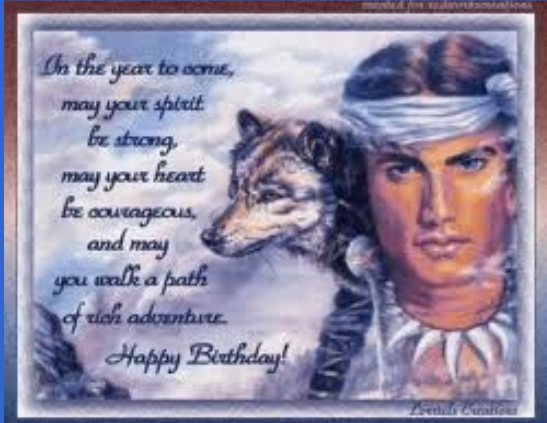
Lots and lots of love.  
From your Big Sister,  
Mom, Matt  
and the whole Fam Damily :)  
xoxo

June 7th - Joel Querin  
Happy 23rd Birthday Joel!!  
We are all looking forward  
to meeting you  
at this year's Gathering!



Love Kayla, Jutta,  
Chris, Matt and  
all your family  
from Missanabie

To Joel (June 7)



Love Always, xoxo  
Jutta

Happy Birthday, Chris (June 21)

Spread your wings and soar  
higher in the skies. Open  
your eyes and look beyond  
the ordinary. Elevate your imagination  
and rise above the mediocre.  
May your Birthday today be  
the beginning of wonderful achievements  
in your life.

Wishafriend.com

Love, Mom  
And the rest of the gang xoxo

Happy Birthday  
To Lillian Ouellet  
July 12  
From Grandpa O



My wish for you is a better tomorrow that is full of promise and hope.  
My wish for you is that's you will never give up  
and that your inner strength will help you  
when you feel you're at the end of your rope.

My wish for you is happiness and that you get a taste of all good things.  
My wish is for you to have a wonderful life and all that it shall bring.

Happy 25th birthday Kayla (Lala)  
Love mom and the gang



Happy Birthday Jessica  
Love You Nanny June



To my son for July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Happy Big Big 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Love MOM and Family  
(for Marlon MacDonald)



## Community News and Notes

Happy Birthday, my Great Grandson Siefer  
Love You, Great Grandma June  
XXXOOO



Happy Birthday to my Grandson  
Cody Pine  
Love you, Nanny June



Happy Birthday Jessica  
Love You, Nanny June



Happy Birthday  
Louise Campbell  
Love, Cuz June



Happy Birthday  
Shawn Pine  
Love you, MOM



## News Items

### UNITED FRONT FOR RAILWAY IMPORTANT

The Sault Star   MISSANABIE – It's been about 18 years since Jason Gauthier last rode the rails between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst.

The chief of the Missanabie Cree First Nation and spokesperson for the North Superior Regional Chiefs Forum lived in Kapuskasing as a young man and would often catch a ride to Hearst before riding down to the Sault on the ACR passenger train.

The train travels through Gauthier's traditional territory within Oba, Hawk Junction and the Missanabie area. History shows that the creation of the Chapleau Game Preserve resulted in the Missanabie Cree people leaving the area in search of economic opportunities to support their families.

In 2010, the Missanabie Cree First Nation signed an agreement with the Ontario government, ultimately transferring 15 square miles of Crown land in the Missanabie area to the First Nations.

Gauthier has become interested in the trains and their significance again since earlier this year when CN first announced it was cancelling the passenger service between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst. While it was the federal government that cut the \$2.2 million in funding, it was CN that made the decision that it would not continue operating the passenger train without it. Since then, the train service, as a result of lobbying efforts by various stakeholders, has a one-year reprieve and Gauthier has joined the stakeholder group to help save the train.

He also has another purpose: while communities and

stakeholders gather together to save the train, the regional chiefs group wants to build relationships between municipalities and property owners.

"We see this as a good opportunity to create good relationships within our own region. We see a lot of opportunities here," he said.

The regional chiefs may have other funding opportunities available to them that companies like CN would not be able to access because the train travels through traditional First Nations property and many Natives continue to use it today to hunt.

As a progressive chief for his people, Gauthier wants to better understand the different perspectives of the importance of the train and how the land is utilized by the various users. Sustainability is key.

"I think it's important to learn how they operate and what they do and think in our traditional territory," he said. "This is more about opportunity and a new way of thinking and something we should all seize."

Gauthier said he's always looking for collective thought and regional partnerships and believes the train serves as more than a means of travel.

But it will take work. And it will mean thinking differently, outside the box. Sure, trains are a better option to travel and protect the environment and increasing train use needs to be better explored but there are other opportunities that can increase tourism and the economy that can also be explored, he said.

...Gauthier doesn't know what the final outcome of the lobby efforts will be, but he realizes he has a responsibility to participate and try to save the train. Riding the train again for the passenger train's 100th anniversary celebration is only a start, he said.

*For the complete article, visit <http://www.saultstar.com/2014/06/05/communities-must-come-together-to-save-rail-help-economies>*

## NAN RESPONDS TO LANDMARK SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ABORIGINAL TITLE

June 26, 2014 THUNDER BAY:

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Harvey Yesno welcomed today's landmark decision by the Supreme Court of Canada that grants title over 1,750 square kilometres of land to Tsilhqot'in First Nation in British Columbia and adopts a broad approach to Aboriginal title:

"This unanimous decision by the Supreme Court sends a very strong message that the Crown, as represented by the Government of Canada, must recognize and respect Aboriginal title and deal honourably with First Nations.

The written ruling by Chief Justice McLachlin takes a broad view of Aboriginal title and supports the ownership

of lands that have been occupied and used for centuries by First Nations. This has widespread implications and provides useful guidance for all NAN First Nations engaged in land claims and various stages of economic and resource development projects. We expect that the principles laid out by this decision will have a significant impact on resource development in Nishnawbe Aski, including the Ring of Fire, as it supports First Nation rights to control development in our traditional territories."

For more information please contact: Nick Sherman, Communications Officer – Nishnawbe Aski Nation (807) 625-4906 or cell (807) 472-1464 or by email [nsherman@nan.on.ca](mailto:nsherman@nan.on.ca)

## Employment Opportunities

### PART TIME CUSTODIAN CONTRACT

**POSITION:** Custodian  
**LOCATION:** 559 Queen Street East  
 Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
**DURATION:** Part time - Contract  
**WAGES:** \$75.00 a week

#### SUMMARY OF POSITION:

- To provide janitorial and cleaning services to the Missanabie Cree First Nation office facility
- Minimum four (4) hours, once per week

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Custodian & Janitorial experience.
- Must provide CPIC at the applicant's expense

**CLOSING DATE:** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 4:00pm

Please submit a letter of interest and resume along with two work references to:

Jean Sayers, Band Manager  
 Missanabie Cree First Nation  
 559 Queen Street East  
 Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3

Marked "CONFIDENTIAL"

Faxed and e-mailed letter and resumes are also accepted at: Fax (705) 254-3292

E-mail: [jsayers@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jsayers@missanabiecree.com)

# Employment Opportunities

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
Immediate Supervisor: Band Manager  
Location: Missanabie Cree First Nation  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

### SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Under the supervision of the Band Manager, the Community Economic Development Officer shall be responsible for planning, organizing, developing, and monitoring of economic development and employment strategies for Missanabie Cree First Nation that will maintain a healthy level of engagement of members and support employment, cultural, social, political and economic progress.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary diploma in business/economic development field or an equivalent combination of education and related work experience in this field may be considered;
- Minimum of three (3) year's related work experience with proven management, negotiation, analytical and organizational skills;
- Excellent research skills
- Must possess proposal writing skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Must possess initiative, tact, discretion and effective interpersonal skills;
- Good working knowledge of relevant programs, services, government legislation and policies and procedures;
- Must have a good working knowledge and experience of relevant computer programs;
- Good understanding of Missanabie's traditional ecological knowledge;
- Must be able to work under minimum supervision;
- Must possess a willingness to travel and work flexible hours;
- Class "G" Driver's License.

Closing Date: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00 pm

Please provide resume and covering letter with three work related references and mail to the following address:

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

[Or email to jsayers@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jsayers@missanabiecree.com)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jean Sayers, Band Manager at 705-254-2702



# Employment Opportunities

## **Attention Band Members:**

MCFN will be hosting a job fair at the Multipurpose Facility on August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm-5pm during the community gathering week. This job fair will provide MCFN Band Members with an opportunity to speak to employers and education representatives. Multiple companies will be in attendance with employment opportunities and information for training programs. There will also be several post-secondary school representatives on-hand with information on upcoming courses offered through their institutions.

## **Post-Secondary Schools attending:**

Sault College- <http://saultcollege.ca/>;

Algoma University- <http://www.algomau.ca/>;

Northern College- <http://www.northernnc.on.ca/>

## **Companies attending:**

**Rentech:** <http://www.rentechinc.com/employment.php>

Cindy Crow- Tele: (807) 473-9851

Email: [crowe@tbaytel.net](mailto:crowe@tbaytel.net)

**Next bridge:** <http://www.nextbridge.ca/>

Jennifer Tidmarsh (p) 647-260-3941

[jennifer.tidmarsh@nexteraenergy.com](mailto:jennifer.tidmarsh@nexteraenergy.com)

**Argonaut Gold:** <http://www.argonautgold.com/>

Michelle Tanguay Safety, Health, Environment and Community Director Phone-705-884-299

[Michelle.Tanguay@argonautgold.com](mailto:Michelle.Tanguay@argonautgold.com)

## **Trans Canada:**

<http://www.transcanada.com/>

Michael Fox

Fox High Impact Consulting

807-472-6147

[mfox@foxhighimpact.com](mailto:mfox@foxhighimpact.com)

## **MERC (Mushkegowuk Environmental Research Centre) –**

<http://www.mushkegowukerc.com/>

For more information regarding this Job Fair please contact:

Scott McCabe

Business Development Officer- Youth Intern

MCFN

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

Phone: (705)254-2702 ext.229

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# June Birthday Greetings

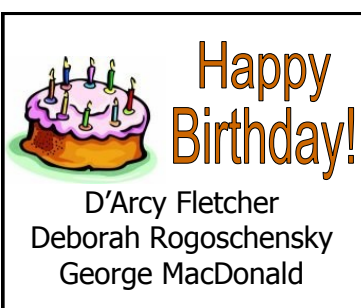


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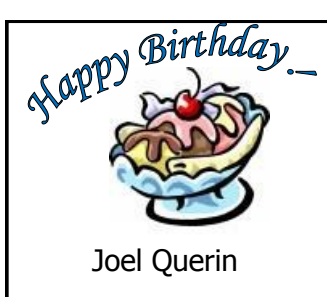
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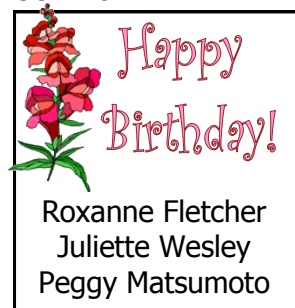
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Joel Querin

JUNE 8



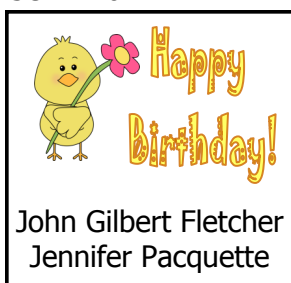
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Peggy Matsumoto

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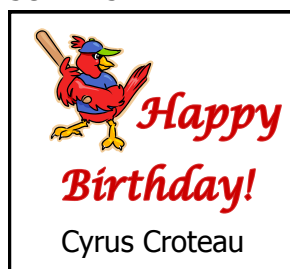
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John Gilbert Fletcher  
Jennifer Pacquette

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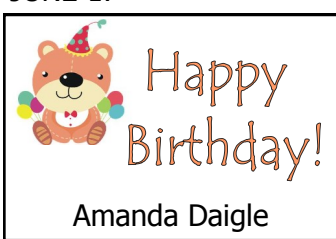
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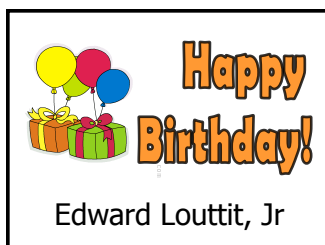
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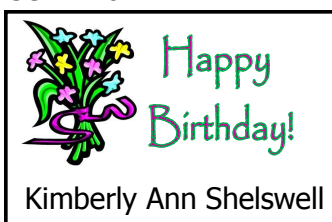
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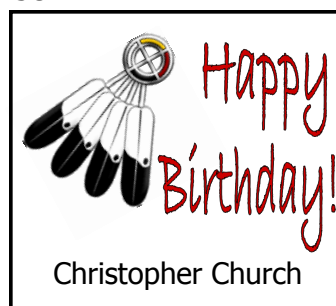
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Kimberly Ann Shelswell

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Christopher Church

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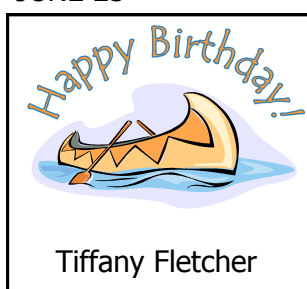


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Randall Jeffries

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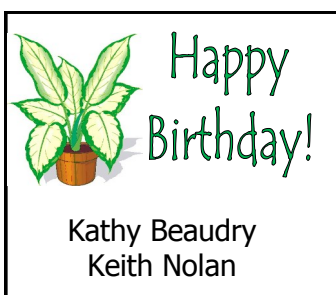
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Angela Lalonde

JUNE 28



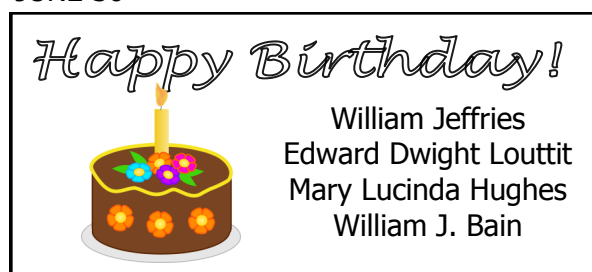
Kathy Beaudry  
Keith Nolan

JUNE 29



Terri Lou Fletcher

JUNE 30



William Jeffries  
Edward Dwight Louttit  
Mary Lucinda Hughes  
William J. Bain

# July Birthday Greetings

JULY 1



Sherri Lynn Black

JULY 2



Brandi Lee Hunt  
Terri Lee Montgomery

JULY 4



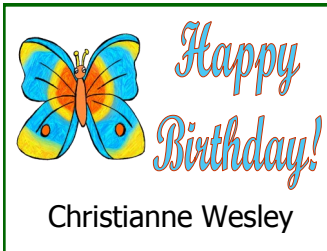
Mackenzie-Jo Maillet

JULY 5



Peggy Nolan

JULY 7



Christianne Wesley

JULY 8



Ryan Smith, Megan Harris

JULY 9



Lori Rainville

JULY 14



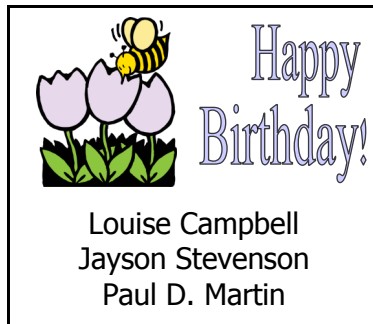
Kathleen Rask

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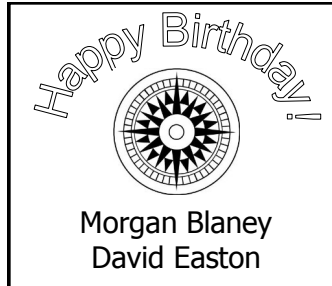
Paul James Fletcher

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Louise Campbell  
Jayson Stevenson  
Paul D. Martin

JULY 18



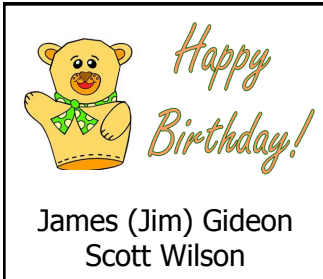
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David Easton

JULY 20



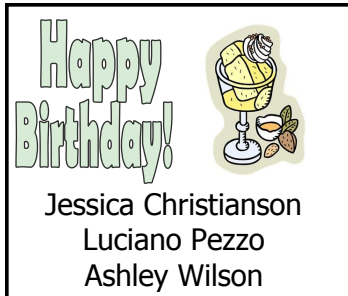
Shawn Robert Pine

JULY 21



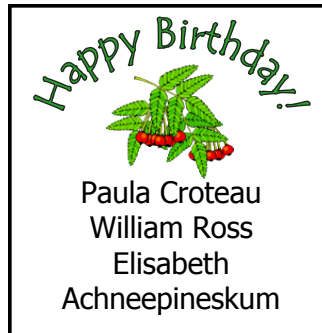
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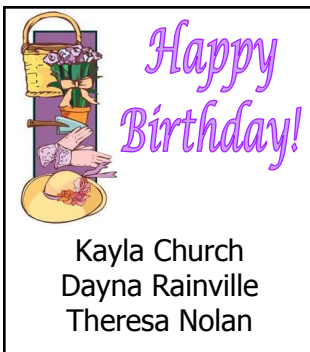
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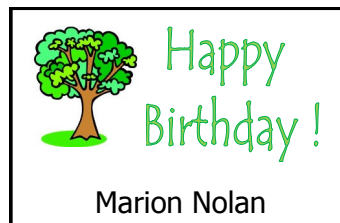
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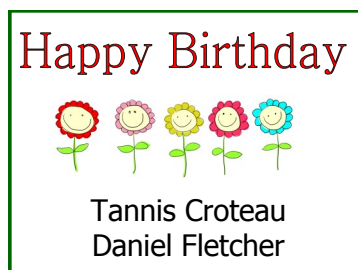
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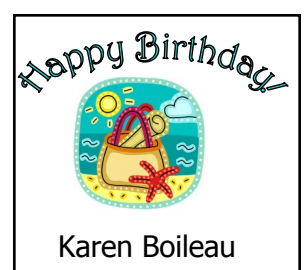
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JULY 29



Tannis Croteau  
Daniel Fletcher

JULY 30



Karen Boileau

# MCFN Events Calendar

J U L Y  2 0 1 4	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Paskiwa Peesim Egg Hatching Moon		1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16 Craft Class- Dreamcatcher Making 1:30 pm	17 Lemonade Days Evening Fund- raiser 6:30 - 900 pm	18	18
	20	21	22 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	23	24 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	25	26
	27	28	29	30 Craft Class- Dreamcatcher Making 1:30 pm	31 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am		
		Graveyard Cleanup Ramp Building at IVC See page 4 for details					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
 Pasko Peesim Growth of Wing Feathers Moon					1	2	
3	4 Civic Holiday	5 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	6	7 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am Craft Class Medicine Pouch Making 1:30 pm	8	9	
10	11	12 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	13	14 Language Class 9:30-10:30 am	15	16	
17	18	19	← MCFN Annual Gathering 2014 August 18– 22, 2014 Missanabie, ON →			22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	

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# Opportunities

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLANNING EXPERTS**

The Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs' Forum (NSRCF) has identified the need to retain strategic resource planning capacity in the areas of forestry, mining, energy and infrastructure development in support of developing and implementing a regional economic development agenda. The geographical focus of the exercise is expected to be tied to the outcome of regional Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence (ESFL) discussions that include the Martel Forest, Magpie Forest and all of the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve (CCGP).



The NSRCF envisages the creation of a regional economic planning corporation that will oversee an integrated and coordinated approach to advancing forestry, mining, energy, infrastructure planning and other related opportunities. Existing building blocks include a Conservation Economy blueprint for the CCGP; a value-added forestry agenda, an ESFL pilot project, a regional energy authority development agenda; a deep water port concept, a regional mining centre and the creation of a number of resource cooperatives including in the areas of commercial blueberries and wood pellets.

The NSRCF is in search of senior consultants who have at least 10 years of experience in any one or more of the aforementioned resource development and planning sectors to assist in the advancement of this agenda. Related activities will include strategic planning advice and guidance, product development and business-to-business agreement development.

At this early stage of the process, the NSRCF is requesting expressions of interest from highly motivated and experienced professionals who have a proven track record in promoting transformative change. Interested candidates are requested to submit a resume as well as a two page expression of interest statement that will include a summary of related experience, availability and charge-out rate.

For more information, candidates are asked to contact Vanessa Morrison, NSRCF Duty-to-Consult Coordinator, at Chapleau Cree First Nation. She may be reached at 705-864-0789 or email at [dutytoconsult.nsrcf@gmail.com](mailto:dutytoconsult.nsrcf@gmail.com)

The closing date of this Request of Expression of Interest is Thursday, July 31st, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

# Opportunities



## CALL OUT TO INTERESTED BAND MEMBERS TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICES

### MCFN 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gathering 2014

Preparations are underway for the 2014 Missanabie Cree Annual Gathering. In an effort to cut costs we are providing catered food services on the following days: Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup> for breakfast and lunch, we will be having a potluck Friday evening, and the morning of Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> which will be a continental breakfast before departure.

This year we are looking to the membership for commitments to prepare some of the meals for the following days. We are requesting a proposal for each day in order to provide equal opportunities for all interested members, although we will consider multiple day proposal submissions.

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Arrival Date (Supper)

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Mid-morning and Afternoon Snacks)

Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> (Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Mid-morning and Afternoon Snacks)

#### Standard Requirements:

- Must be food handling safety certified (proof required)
- Capable of using commercial kitchen equipment safely (i.e. ovens, slicers, mixers, etc.)
- Must have cooking experience for large groups
- Must be able to produce meal plan/ budget for approximately 200 members
- Must be able to incorporate dietary requirements for diabetics, vegetarians and people with allergies.

Please submit your proposals and resume for consideration by July 25th

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 705-254-2702 Ext. 223

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

Miigwetch, and see you all at this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gathering.

Kayla Church, Gathering Coordinator



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Mining and Forestry play an important role in the local economy of the Superior East region. If you are interested in a career or currently working in these industries, the Superior East Labour Development Task Force wants to hear from you. Please complete our short, 3 minute Skills

Survey. All those who complete the survey by July 31st will have a chance to win a \$200 gift card from Future Shop

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## Gathering Opportunities

Watchay, During the Gathering, from August 18<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, we will be looking for members who would be interested in the following opportunities we have to offer:

**MC (Master of Ceremony)** - We are looking for someone who can Emcee throughout the gathering during meetings and events. This includes introductions of speakers and guests, special announcements and changes in both business and activities agenda. Must be comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people. Must have a positive attitude, and speak positively about the First Nation, members and guests attending. Please note that a Co-MC has already been selected to help during the week.

**Community Firework Volunteers** – We would like to have a few members volunteer to be in charge of the firework show this year. You will be responsible for purchasing, transporting, setting up, setting off and cleaning up after the event is over. Must be over the age of 18 to help set fireworks off. Funding is available for this event, so please attach an estimated cost for the fireworks.

**Manitou Mountain Tour Guide**- We are looking for members who may have a Pontoon boat, and would be interested in conducting a Manitou Mountain Tour for the Elders during the gathering. The tour is scheduled to take place Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>, for the Elders council and anyone else wanting to join the tour. Must have a valid Boat License, and be familiar with the Lake. Please forward a brief description of what you would charge hourly and estimated fuel costs to Manitou Mountain and back to IVC.

**Fire Keepers** – We are looking for 2 members to take care of the sacred fire during the gathering as well as sharing knowledge and positive teachings to members that come to visit the fire. Must be available to start the fire Monday morning as well as conduct sunrise ceremonies.

Please respond by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 for an equal opportunity to volunteer some events we have taking place this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am available, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5 pm, via telephone, or email.

Thank you, and looking forward to seeing you all at this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual gathering.  
In the spirit of community, Chi-Miigwetch

Kayla Church, Gathering Coordinator

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

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## Health Notes



**Healthy Living Newsletter Summer Edition 2014.** A publication of the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program and the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative

If you are interested in learning more about healthy diet and nutrition, please check out this newsletter, available online on the [missanabiecree.com](http://missanabiecree.com) website.

Included in the Summer 2014 edition are recipes, resources and a guide to upcoming events. The summer edition also includes an article on how to curb a sweet tooth, and how much sugar is contained in many foods and beverages.

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



## VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy;  
a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people;  
a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs;  
a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive  
in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people;  
a leadership that is directed by our people  
and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

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**Band Manager** Jean Sayers **ex. 222**

**Bookkeeper** Louise Campbell **ex. 224**

**Reception** June Markie **ex. 221**

**Program Development** Lesley Gagnon **ex. 226**

**Administrative Assistant** Gladys Hawkins **ex. 235**

**Post Secondary Education** Lori Rainville **ex. 227**

**Registration Administrator** Ted Ouellet **ex. 228**

**Cultural Coordinator** Matthew Wesley **ex. 225**

**Governance Coordinator:**

Elizabeth Angecneb **ex. 230**

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

***\*IMPORTANT CHANGES TO GATHERING REGISTRATION\****

**Travel:** Travel dollars are for members driving their own vehicle to Missanabie or Sault Ste. Marie. Fifty (50%) percent of travel funds will be issued on August 16<sup>th</sup> – date of arrival and the balance on date of departure. Travel will be calculated on the most economic and practical mode of transportation. Kilometers will be calculated using Google Maps Canada and will be the shortest route available.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM SAULT STE. MARIE TO MISSANABIE WILL BE PROVIDED. BUS FROM SAULT STE. MARIE DEPARTS ON AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON FROM THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (620 BAY ST). BUS DEPARTS FROM ISLAND VIEW ON AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 9:00AM SHARP. BUS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**Flight Arrangements:** Once flights are booked, we will not be responsible for any changes. Any changes to flight arrangements will be the responsibility of the member, as well as any applicable charges, due to flight changes.

**Accommodations:** Due to limited accommodations, please make every effort to bring your own tent or trailer. We will not be providing tents this year. We will provide mattresses and sleeping bags if needed. Preference will be given to Elders, disabled, members with serious health problems and families with babies. Please be prepared to share your accommodations with others. We will do the best to accommodate everyone.

*(Members of MCFN include registered member, spouse, children, and grandchildren)* Non-band members will be required to pay RV and trailer fees. (\$122.00 for the week)

**Meals:** Breakfasts, lunches, and suppers will be provided throughout the gathering. Meals begin with supper on Saturday, August 16, 2014 and end with a continental breakfast on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Please note that a daily fee for food will apply to guests and friends that attend our gathering.

***\*\* Please note that morning and afternoon snacks will be provided for elders and diabetics only.***

**Deadlines:**

***To get the best prices for flights we require members requesting to travel by plane to register no later than July 23, 2014. No exceptions will be made.***

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ZERO TOLERANCE

**MISSANABIE CREE COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATION REGISTRATION FORM**

*August 16, 2014 to August 23, 2014  
Island View Camp, Missanabie, Ontario*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Information:  
Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transit# \_\_\_\_\_  
Account# \_\_\_\_\_  
  
email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list children, spouse/partner  
For activity and statistical purposes we require ages of children only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band # \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be traveling to the gathering?

\_\_\_\_ own vehicle  
\_\_\_\_ Greyhound Bus  
\_\_\_\_ Chartered Bus  
  
\_\_\_\_ Plane  
\_\_\_\_ Train  
\_\_\_\_ Other (Please provide details)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:

\_\_\_\_ IVC Cabin  
\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Trailers  
\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Tent Site  
\_\_\_\_ Bunk Houses  
\_\_\_\_ Tent(own)  
\_\_\_\_ Tent(need)  
\_\_\_\_ Trailer/camper (own)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree that once monies have been received or travel arrangements have been booked, I must attend the community consultations (gathering). If for any reason I do not attend the gathering, I will pay back the money/air/bus/train tickets owing. If monies are not returned, I understand that I will not be eligible for traveling funds until I pay the funds back or travel to any future gathering with those funds allotted to me. Only a doctor's slip will be accepted for any cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pre-gathering registration)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(50% upon arrival at registration desk, this will verify your attendance to Missanabie Gathering)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Final 50% on August 22, 2014)

Only to be used if an emergency occurs (Forms will be kept confidential)

HEALTH FORM

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

Health Card # \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency

Contact Information:

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies (food allergies)

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\_\_\_\_\_

List any illnesses

\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a partial plate?            Yes            No

Do you wear glasses?                Yes            No

Do you wear contacts?                Yes            No

Please fax, mail or email forms to:

Fax: 705-254-3292

Email: [gatheringcoordinator@missanabiecree.com](mailto:gatheringcoordinator@missanabiecree.com)

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Any questions please call 1-800-319-3001

Date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Licence Plate: \_\_\_\_\_