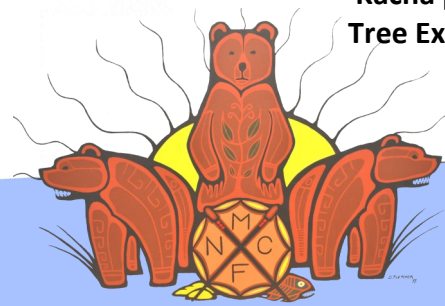


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Tree Exploding (by frost) Moon  
January 2016



[www.missanabiecreefn.com](http://www.missanabiecreefn.com)

Missanabie Cree First Nation



## New Year's Greetings 2016

Chief, Council, Staff  
Missanabie Cree First Nation

### Events/Gatherings:

#### **NAN Chiefs Winter Assembly**

January 19-21, 2016 Thuder Bay, ON  
[www.nan.on.ca/article/upcoming-events-120.asp](http://www.nan.on.ca/article/upcoming-events-120.asp)

#### **Have a Heart Day - for FN Children**

February 10, 2016 Anywhere, CA  
[www.fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart](http://www.fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart)

#### **Great Moon Gathering - Mushkegowuk Council**

February 11-12, 2016 Timmins, ON  
[www.mushkegowuk.com/?page\\_id=2985](http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?page_id=2985)

#### **9th Annual Mushkegowuk Cup**

February 19-21, 2016 Timmins, ON  
[http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?page\\_id=2804](http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?page_id=2804)

#### **Chiefs of Ontario 10th Annual Health Forum**

February 23-25, 2016 Toronto, ON  
<http://health.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/847>

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## Message from the Chief

Watchay,

First, I would like to announce the passing of John McLeod on December 26th, 2015. He was an honourable man and a wonderful uncle to me. He was a committed and passionate councillor over two terms, and will be missed by all that know him.

John also served for some years on the Land Transfer Advisory Committee. Members of the committee will remember his dedication and commitment to advancing the land claims of the Missanabie Cree First Nation.

We are looking to bringing our First Nation into 2016 with a bang. We have started inter-tribal discussions with Batchewana First Nation and continue discussions with Michipicoten First Nation.

We will be working on a Hunting and Trapping action plan and a mining strategy for the region that seems to be progressing well.

The Tribal Council is working together on the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and the Mushkegowuk Communities.

The new year bring slots of new opportunities and growth for Missanabie Cree and I am very proud of all the work that is being accomplished.

Chief Jason Gauthier

## Messages from Council

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

A new year is upon us with positive new ventures ahead. In December I was involved in a teleconference with the TLE where they gave us an update on how the progress is moving on. Next meeting will be in January.

We also had talks with Magino Mines regarding joint ventures. Talks went very well with a number of companies where we signed MOU's in favour of our joint ventures.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Chief and Council will be involved in a press release in Sault Ste. Marie. Upcoming weeks in January will be very busy for Chief and Council.

The beginning to the middle of February will bring us to what will be a monumental time for Missanabie Cree First Nation, the TLE Settlement. At this time I would like to encourage members to come and support MCFN.

Councillor Les (Gee) Nolan aka Red Bear.



**John Henry McLeod**  
August 18, 1953 -  
December 26, 2015



Grand Chief Jonathon Solomon,  
Muskegowuk Council with  
Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs,  
David Zimmer at the Signing  
of the Memorandum of Understanding  
(MOU) in Toronto.

(Story on page 7)



## From the desk of:

### BAND MANAGER

Happy New Year Everyone!

My new year did not start out right as I was sick with a cold and the flu for the first week. I apologize to those whom I have not responded to during this week but will answer as soon as time permits.

We have submitted funding proposals to Trillium Foundation, Aboriginal Business, Fednor and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs these past two weeks so our office has been a bit hectic. Hopefully we will gain additional dollars to be able to upgrade Island View Camp.

This month will be a busy month as we will be finalizing joint ventures and doing a media campaign to gain recognition as a First Nation who is willing to work with other businesses. Good things will come out of these

ventures.

Arrangements have been made to have an internal meeting with our elders on the hunting and trapping protocol for First Nations, specifically in the Chapleau Game Preserve on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our Elder Liaison is working towards getting people to attend.

I was invited to attend meetings in Toronto from December 13-18 regarding joint ventures, Contribution Benefit Agreement (CBA) with Magino, a TLE meeting, and a Chief and Council face-to-face meeting.


Well that's all for now! Next month, more details.

Cheers!

Cathy


## Community News and Notes

I would like to wish my grandson, Aaron Pine Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday




Love you, Nanny


Happy Birthday to my nephew Ted Ouellet.



Love you, Auntie June



Happy Birthday to my niece, Judy Wilson and Nephew, Donald Wilson. Love you both, Auntie June.




At the MCFN Community Christmas Party in Echo Bay: Jackie Fletcher, Zoey Souliere, Zoey's baby, Allison, and June Markie. Photo: courtesy of Isabell Souliere

Best wishes and love to all my family and friends for a wonderful, healthy and prosperous new year.

Jackie Fletcher



Concentrate on your own personal dreams and let's pray that 2016 is a good year for Missanabie Cree in terms of our land claim settlement, partnerships, healing lodge completion, programs and any initiatives that have been started or are being created.

# Elders Speak

## COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PAGE

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

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

Examples:

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

These are just a few.

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

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

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

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

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# Elders Speak

January 7, 2016

Hail to Proper Procedures:

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

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

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

Miigwech,

Elders' Liaison

Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Aush Kii Ish Kwayo)

Email: [lrawlyk@missanabieecree.com](mailto:lrawlyk@missanabieecree.com)



# News Items



## National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA COMMITTED TO PUBLIC INQUIRY TO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, BEGINS DESIGN ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

Source: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1449240606362/1449240634871>

Indigenous women and girls in Canada are disproportionately affected by all forms of violence. Although Indigenous women make up 4 per cent of Canada's female population, 16 per cent of all women murdered in Canada between 1980 and 2012 were Indigenous.

In 2004, Amnesty International released *Stolen Sisters: A Human Rights Response to Violence and Discrimination against Indigenous Women in Canada* (PDF only). With funding from the federal government, the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) began the *Sisters in Spirit* initiative, with the aim of gathering important statistics and raising awareness of this issue. In 2010, the NWAC's report identified 582 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls from across Can-

ada. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)'s 2014 *Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: An Operational Overview* identified a total of 1,181 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. The RCMP's operational overview also found that while homicide rates for non-Indigenous women in Canada are declining, the homicide rate for Indigenous women has remained unchanged.

Numerous other reports and studies on violence towards Indigenous women in Canada have identified underlying causes, such as socioeconomic factors like poverty and homelessness as well as historic factors like racism, sexism and the legacy from colonialism and the devastation caused by the residential school system. Over 1,700

recommendations for action have been made.

Many Indigenous families, communities and organizations, as well as non-governmental and international organizations, have urged the Government of Canada to take action and call a national inquiry, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (PDF only). Launching a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls is an important step towards a nation-to-nation relationship and a renewed sense of trust between the Government of Canada and Indigenous peoples in Canada.

### **The Design Process**

The Government of Canada is strongly committed to an inclusive and respectful engagement process that will balance a diversity of viewpoints to design an inquiry that will respond to the needs and expectations of the survivors, family members and loved ones.

The Government of Canada understands that a meaningful national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls must only be designed after hearing the ideas and perspectives of survivors, families,

loved ones, Indigenous organizations and communities, provinces and territories, and experts. To make sure these voices are heard, a national engagement process will take place over the coming months.

The Government will immediately begin engaging with survivors, family members and loved ones of victims, as well as National Aboriginal, provincial, and territorial representatives to seek their views on the design and scope of the inquiry. These meetings will be led by the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women.

In the New Year, the meetings will continue as ministers, with the assistance of government officials, hold regional meetings with family members and loved ones and a range of provincial, territorial, justice, policy and front-line workers. A summary of the views expressed will be posted regularly on-line.

A discussion guide has been developed and will be available on-line to help focus meetings on this inquiry design process. It highlights important elements and key ques-

### **Upcoming inquiry design meetings**

The Government of Canada believes that an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls can only be designed after hearing from those directly affected. The government is holding meetings across Canada with survivors, family members and loved ones of victims, as well as national Aboriginal, provincial, and territorial representatives to seek their views on the design and scope of the inquiry.

The first two meetings were held in December 2015 in Ottawa with survivors, families and loved ones; as well as representatives of front-line services and Indigenous organizations.

#### **As of January 4, 2016, here is a list of upcoming meetings:**

More meeting locations and dates will be added to this list as they are confirmed.

- Thunder Bay, ON: January 6, 2016
- Yellowknife, NT: January 8, 2016
- Whitehorse, YN: January 11, 2016
- Vancouver, BC: January 13, 2016
- Prince George, BC: January 15, 2016
- Halifax, NS: January 20, 2016
- Québec City, QC : January 21, 2016
- Montréal, QC : January 22, 2016

If you are survivors, family members or loved ones and would like to attend one of these meetings, please e-mail us at [AADNC.EFFAAD-IMMIWG.AANDC@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](mailto:AADNC.EFFAAD-IMMIWG.AANDC@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca) or call toll-free at 1-877-535-7309.

Summaries of all meetings will be posted under [What we are hearing](#) on this website.

## News Items

tions about the inquiry's potential design. This includes questions about who should conduct the inquiry, the length of the inquiry, who should be heard, and what issues should be considered. Canadians and stakeholders are also encouraged to submit their own answers to these questions through [on-line survey](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1448637991710/1448638013197) at:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1448637991710/1448638013197>

At the end of this engagement process, the Government will report back on what has been heard from the participants. The views and ideas expressed by all participants will allow the Government to develop the inquiry, including the mandate, the terms of reference, the format of the Inquiry, and the timeline.

Source: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1449240082445/1449240106460>

### MUSHKEGOWUK AND ONTARIO RENEW TREATY RELATIONS



The Mushkegowuk Council and the Government of Ontario formalized a renewed Treaty relationship by signing a Treaty Relationship Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Toronto.

In 1905 - 1906, Treaty Commissioners for the Ontario and Canadian governments traveled to northern Ontario on behalf of the Crown to the homelands of the Mushkegowuk and Ojibwa First Nations to make a Treaty. Based on what the Commissioners said and promised, and after asking some questions, the Mushkegowuk and Ojibwa leaders of the day agreed to sign the Treaty document. This Treaty is presently known as the James Bay Treaty: Treaty No. 9.

"The Mushkegowuk Chiefs worked hard at securing this MOU and we commend Ontario for taking this step forward; and more importantly, in all respect-to the spirit and intent of the treaty, we look forward to seeing the sacred Oral Treaty promises materialize soon" says Fort Albany First Nation Chief Andrew Solomon.

The MOU confirms the commitment between Mushkegowuk Council and the Government of Ontario to continue discussions on matters of mutual concern. The agreement will help to create conditions to support improved social conditions and greater economic opportunities, leading to stronger, more sustainable, and self-

sufficient communities. It should also enhance institutional capacity, including the rebuilding of an effective and accountable system of government for Mushkegowuk communities, based on the best principles of good governance and on the traditions of the Mushkegowuk.

Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon says, "the meetings under this agreement are for the purpose of information sharing and issue resolution and are not negotiating sessions; and any substantive decisions will need to have their own agreement in the future."

Under the strong leadership of the late Grand Chief Dr. Stan Louttit, the Mushkegowuk Chiefs pressed Ontario to sign an agreement to formalize this Treaty Roundtable since 2011; "this is a very special day and this Government to Government agreement is dedicated to the late Grand Chief Dr. Stan Louttit" says Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon.

Mushkegowuk Council is a regional organization that represents the collective interests of the Kashechewan, Fort Albany, Chapleau Cree, Missanabie Cree, Moose Cree, Taykwa Tagamou and Attawapiskat First Nations in northeastern Ontario.

Source: Wawatay News, December 24, 2015  
<http://www.wawataynews.ca/politics/mushkegowuk-and-ontario-renew-treaty-relations>

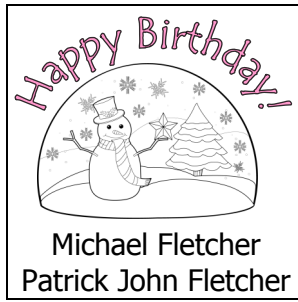


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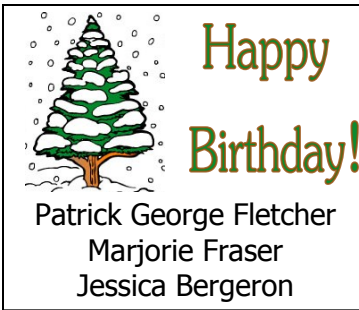
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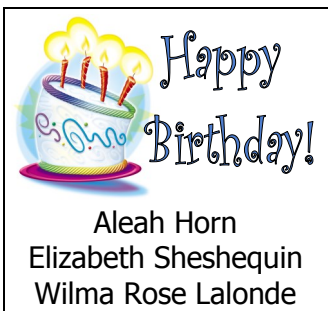
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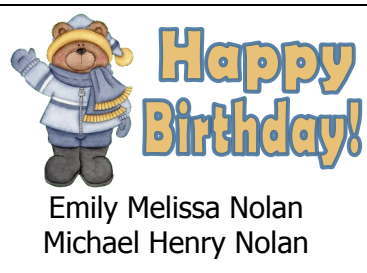
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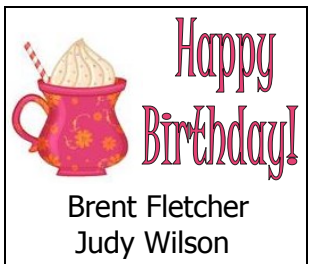
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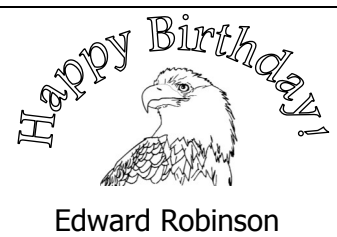
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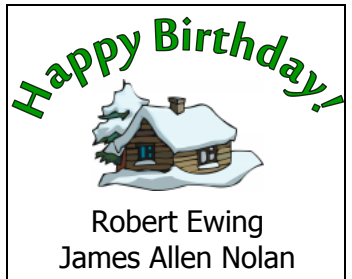
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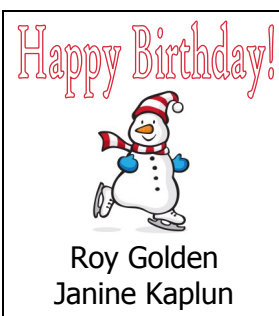
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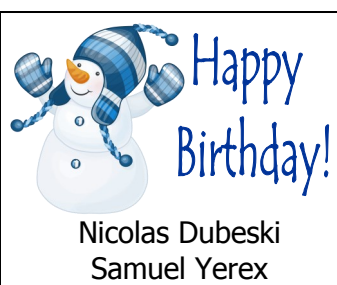
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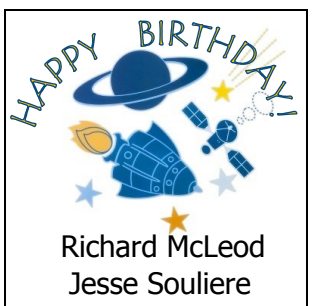
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# MCFN Events Calendar

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10	11	12	13	<p>14 Healthy Snacks after 1:30pm Band Office</p>	15	16
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# Employment Opportunities



## **Summer Student Jobs with the Ontario Government**

**Gain valuable skills, earn money and have fun over the summer!**

**All Student job ads including Ministry of Transportation positions, will be posted on January 4, 2016 through this website: [www.gojobs.gov.on.ca](http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca) with different deadline dates for different jobs.**

MTO, Northeastern Region jobs have a 16-week duration and usually begin in May and end near the end of August.

**For more information and to check out the new 2016 deadline dates to apply for the student jobs you are interested in, go to:**

**<https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEP.aspx>**

Check out their [video](#) for more information about Summer Employment Opportunities!

Check out the [Student Application Tip Sheet](#) for details on how to apply!

### **TYPES OF SUMMER STUDENT JOBS**

Every year, the Ontario Public Service, related agencies and community groups, provide over 5000 students with jobs across the province. These jobs help Ontario students with limited work experience develop transferable skills, support their career goals and learn more about the Government of Ontario! Summer Employment Opportunities are full-time, temporary positions ranging from 7 – 18 weeks between May and Labour Day of every year.

**We offer over 80 student jobs in a variety of fields and working environments. Explore the Types of Students Jobs that fall into each of these career fields:** Administration (e.g. Office Assistant)

- Agriculture and Livestock (e.g. Veterinary Assistant)
- Business (e.g. Business and Finance Assistant)
- Clerical (e.g. Projects Assistant)
- Customer Service (e.g. Customer Service Representative)
- Enforcement (e.g. Marine Assistant)
- Engineering (e.g. Traffic Technician)
- Environment (e.g. Fish and Wildlife Assistant)
- Information Management (e.g. Data Analyst)
- Language (e.g. French Translator)
- Maintenance (e. g. Maintenance Assistant)
- Ontario Place (e.g. Traffic Services)
- Parks (e.g. [Park Ranger](#))
- Policy (e.g. Research Assistant) Science (e.g. Laboratory Assistant)
- Social Services (e.g. Early Childhood Education)
- Technology (e.g. IT Systems Analyst)

# Opportunities

## Awakening the Nation Renewing the Spirit

1st Annual Anishinabek Health Conference



**January 19, 20, 21, 2016**

**Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre,  
229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

### Workshop Topics

**Life Promotion Project ~ Anishinabe Family Parenting ~  
Anishinabe Traditional Healing Cultural Competency and  
Trauma ~ Youth and Addictions ~ Men's Teachings ~ Traditional  
Medicines ~ Human Resources ~ Non Insured Health Benefits ~  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

### Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Cindy Blackstock ~ Dr. Kathy Absolon-King ~ Dr. Brenda Restoule**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Bob Goulais**

Call for Information and Craft Vendors - please inquire | Potential for participant sponsorship  
\$50.00 Registration Fee | Maximum of 250 registrations will be accepted | Heroes in Health awards

**Deadline for Registration to be announced soon**

**Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre will be donating 20% of all revenue  
(derived from rooms, food and meeting space) to the Anishinabek Nation 7th  
Generation Charity.**



**CONTACT UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS  
Ph: 705.497.9127 or Toll Free 1-877-702-5200**

**Continue to follow us on the Anishinabek Nation Facebook page as  
we continue to finalize conference plans.**

# Opportunities



THUNDERBIRD  
STORIES

## National Indigenous Writing Contest

1st Place \$2,000.00

2nd Place \$1,000.00

3rd Place \$500.00

### Rules & Guidelines

Provide proof of Indigenous ancestry (Status, non-status, Métis or Inuit)

Must be Canadian

Story must be under 3000 words

Story must contain Indigenous content

Submit your story at [www.thunderbirdstories.com](http://www.thunderbirdstories.com)

Submit story by **February 29th 2016, 5:00pm Eastern Time**

Portion of the proceeds  
going towards:



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SISTERS IN SPIRIT**

Presenting Sponsor:



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or email: [info@thunderbirdtimes.com](mailto:info@thunderbirdtimes.com)

## Opportunities



# ABORIGINAL ARTS & STORIES

**Attention: Aboriginal Youth**

**Between the Ages of 9 and 29**

**Enter the largest and most recognized art and creative writing competition for Canadian Aboriginal youth.**

**Explore your heritage and culture through creative writing and art for a chance to win up to 2,000 and other great prizes.**

**For more information call 1-866-644-6195**

**[www.our-stories.ca](http://www.our-stories.ca)**

### **Competition Guidelines**

**This year's deadline is March 31, 2016. The contest is open to Canadians of Aboriginal ancestry (self-identified, Status, Non-Status, Inuit and Métis) between the ages of 9-29.**

**CREATE A WRITING OR ART PIECE THAT EXPLORES ABORIGINAL HERITAGE OR CULTURE. YOUR ENTRY INTO THE ABORIGINAL ARTS & STORIES COMPETITION MUST INCLUDE A 200-400 WORD ARTIST'S OR AUTHOR'S STATEMENT THAT INCLUDES A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOU AND EXPLAINS HOW YOUR PIECE EXPLORES ABORIGINAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE.**

You may enter online with your desktop computer, or by e-mail, mail or fax.

## MCFN Membership

Dear Members:

A small hurdle has come our way regarding the insurance of the paper laminate CIS cards. It has been our practice to accommodate many of the members who live out of province and city, but it has since been brought to my attention that we were not to issue any CIS cards by mail.

Some people could replace the picture then re-laminate it. For that reason I cannot mail out any more cards. You have to be physically present when applying for the paper laminate CIS card. Please see the letter from INAC on page 14.

If you are near a First Nation who issues the paper laminate CIS card, you can still receive one. There may be a processing fee. All you can do is request your information from me and I will fax the First Nation your info or you can apply for the In-Canada by mail. Any INAC regional office will have the forms for the new CIS card as they no longer issue the paper laminate card.

I also have the forms at the office or you can go to the INAC website. Please see the following information [below](#) on how to access the forms on the INAC website.

Regards, Ted Ouellet, IRA

The other alternative is:

To access the SCIS in-Canada forms on their website.

You may do this, by following these instructions:

1. Type in: [www.inac.gc.ca](http://www.inac.gc.ca) in address bar. Click on English.
2. Click on Indian Status
3. Click on Indian status, again.
4. Scroll down to application forms for Indian Status.
5. Scroll down to Secure Certificate of Indian status (SCIS) application forms.
6. If applying by mail, select SCIS Guarantor Declaration (print only). Form Inter 83-111E.
7. Print form. Go back to previous page.
8. Select In-Canada Secure Certificate of Indian status (SCIS) adult application for applicants sixteen (16) years of age or older. Print only. Form Inter 83-130E.
9. Print form. Go back to previous page.
10. Select In-Canada SCIS for parent or legal guardian application for applicants fifteen (15) years of age or younger, or a dependent adult. (print only). Forms inter 83-131E.
11. Print form if needed.
12. Follow instructions on application.

If you are sending your original documents, you may want to send them by registered mail.

If you need some help or more information, please call the office at 1-800-319-3001. I am in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.00-5.00pm.

# MCFN Membership

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**Re: Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) Card Mailouts**

Please note that the Department no longer issued Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) cards through the mail. Issuing CIS cards by mail to members is a violation of departmental policy. Please note that if departmental policy is violated in this manner, your privileges may be revoked and additional CIS card stock will not be sent to your First Nation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate contact me at: (416) 973-5283.

Kind Regards,

Melanie Fengler  
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## 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	



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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