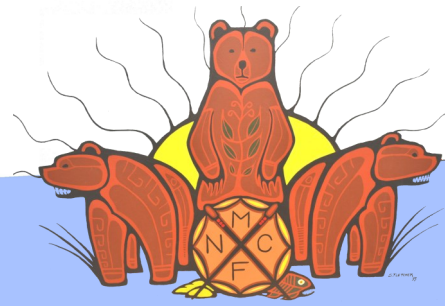


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Goose Moon
April 2016



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Missanabie Cree First Nation



Mrs. Black
Missanabie, ON
1906

In honour of (Mother) Earth Day, April 22, 2016:

The old people came literally to love the soil,
and they sat or reclined on the ground
with a feeling of being close to a mothering power.
Their teepees were built upon the earth and their altars were made of earth.
The soil was soothing, strengthening, cleansing and healing.
That is why the old Indian still sits upon the earth
instead of propping himself up and away from its life giving forces.
For him, to sit or lie upon the ground is
to be able to think more deeply and to feel more keenly.
He can see more clearly into the mysteries of life and
come closer in kinship to other lives about him.

- Chief Luther Standing Bear (Lakota)

Events/Gatherings:

NAFA National Forum – FPIC and Indigenous Forests: Landscapes, Certification and Nationhood

April 12-14, 2016 Ottawa, ON
www.nafaforestry.org

National Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation

April 12-14, 2016 Ottawa, On
<https://adaptationcanada2016.ca/>

Earth Day April 22, 2016

Caring for the Earth and Everything on It

April 23, 2016 Ottawa, On
<http://icare2016.weebly.com/>

Heartbeat of the Drum - A Walk for Healing

May 8, 2016 Thunder Bay, ON
<http://tbayhealingwalk.ca/>

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MCFN ANNUAL GATHERING 2016
August 13-20, 2016

Messages from Chief & Council

Watchay,

Please let me start by sharing my condolences to Chief Keith "Keeter" Corston of Chapleau Cree First Nation on the tragic loss of his wife Liz Corston. She was a kind and gentle lady.

Another busy month for Chief and Council, with the Court case rounding off, I see a settlement for our First Nation looming. I am optimistic that there will be an offer from the government that could be ratified by the membership before our next gathering.

We have continued relationship building with Michipicoten First Nation and have been meeting with them to discuss collaboration on youth engagement strategies.

We are meeting with Richmond this month to discuss the terms of an agreement that includes more business opportunities, more training opportunities, and some type of ongoing financial participation in the Island Gold project.

We are also gaining significant headway in respect to other companies within our territory including Tembec, Rentech, and Argonaut Gold.

I am also pleased to announce a renewed relationship with the municipalities within our region. We have had some discussion related to an agreement to work together for the common good of the region.

We have had some discussion about Missanabie Cree continuing our lead role on the Hunting and Trapping Action Plan for the Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum. We have met with elders and land users to help construct this plan.

The Castle Building contract has been an ongoing question from the membership towards Chief and Council for almost four years now, and in the spirit of transparency we have included it on our website under Members Section. If there are any questions regarding the contract or

anything else, please do not hesitate to email me at jgauthier@missanabiecree.com.

As stated previously, the sale of Castle to Batchewana First Nation was not finalized, Missanabie Cree went forward in selling immediately after the election only to discover that the Batchewana Chief and Council was not able to purchase the business. Also, I assure you, no councillor was excluded from having any information, with the exception of issues that relate to a conflict of interest. This has been our policy since our election. Anything said to the contrary is inaccurate and false.

Please be careful what you read on Facebook, especially during an election year, as most of what I have read on Social Media has been inaccurate and only meant to deceive our membership.

The goal of this Chief and Council, has been and always will be to build a healthy, unified community. And we continue to commit to this common goal.

Meegwetch, Chief Jason Gauthier



Deputy Chief Victoria Pezzo; Derek Fox, Deputy Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Chief Jason Gauthier; and Jonathon Solomon, Grand Chief of Mushkegowuk Council.

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

Another month has come and gone. I hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

Chief and Council had a building relationship with Michipicoten Chief and Council. We are equally with the understanding that we can work together on our traditional lands. Both First Nations are working together to try and form a youth working group. We also plan on

working together on Cultural and Artifacts, both have many great ideas. I will notify our membership on this ongoing working relationship.

The last week in March I was in Timmins attending 3 separate meetings. The Mining Technical Team, the Health and Wellness Summit for Mushkegowuk, and Kunuwanimano.

Chi-Miigwetch,
Councilor Les Nolan aka **Red Bear**.

From the desk of:

BAND MANAGER

Hello all my friends, relatives and acquaintances:

It has been a while since I updated you on administration of the band office.

We have applied for all the summer student positions and they will be advertised when we receive all the details. We have been able to secure positions and an intern position for IVC. All of these will be advertised in the next newsletter and they will be posted on the web site as soon as possible so please check our address at missanabiecreefn.com.

During the month of March, I attended the Prospector's and Developers Association of Canada conference. The conference was quite noteworthy and I gained a lot of contacts with youth from other First Nations and representatives from Universities, funding sources and met some of the staff from INAC and MNDM. I budgeted \$14,000 for the conference for 7 people to attend but was not approved for all; I was only approved for 4 people at \$12,000 and we came in under budget at \$8,000. Staying at the Airbnb's helped save us a lot of money and we did not have to pay the band back as it was a quick in and out of our account from MNDM. As all of Council did not want to participate, I was able to send the Executive Assistant to the conference.

I just about missed the funding agreement with INAC as the signed agreement for band funding did not come in paper format; just an email. With Victoria's contacts, we made the deadline. Everything is good except the core funding that the office gets has not increased in years!

What's up with that?? How do you run an office with \$140,000! We do it by everyone working together as a team and everyone is helping each other out.

We have just rented out the offices in the Castle Building to help recoup some of the costs that we have to pay for the loan. I secured a four year lease with Broad Spectrum; they will be paying rent, one third of the utilities and will do the snow plowing. At least we will be getting some money in but definitely not enough to cover all the costs.

I have also been instructed to relist the Castle Building for sale as the old agreement with RE/MAX expired this summer. I have met with the realtor and we have to do a site inspection plus I have to give details of our tenants' space, rent collected, etc. to attract buyers.

We completed three programs during March that we received funding for; one from Fednor that was for the Island View Needs Assessment that started in 2014 and just was completed this month; one from Aboriginal Business Corporation Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund Marketing for Island View Camp for brochures, new web site, tradeshow; and PDAC as mentioned above.

I am in the process of applying for funding to the Comprehensive Community Plan for Phase II to AANDC so the Bopps can continue on their successful delivery of the program.

We normally get a lot of postings for jobs that are available to aboriginal people. We try to put in as many in the

newsletter so people can access these jobs, but most of the time the jobs that come in are advertised too late for our people to apply after they see the posting in the newsletter. Our receptionist posts all the jobs on our job board in the office, so if you want to know what is available at certain times when you are applying for a job, call the office and perhaps we can help you in your endeavour.

As we had students drop out of school due to circumstances beyond their control, our education officer has been able to provide bonuses to students who attain a B average or better and meet other INAC requirements, and was able to top up the living allowances for the fall semester to the registered students. We are still working on a skinny budget for 2017-18, so please apply early and help look for other funding that will assist you in your school achievements.

Please be advised that Chief and Council have stipulated that Rama requests are for emergencies and elders only. As Band Manager, I can pay for assistance up to \$300.00. Please submit your request to Lesly Gagnon and then we take it to C & C for their approval and it remains anonymous.

We have completed interviewing for the Island View Camp Manager position and it was taken to C & C to be endorsed. As the Hiring Committee found that the results were so close, they proposed to consider two positions for the camp to create a higher level of capacity for the betterment of Island View Camp. One of the applicants rejected the idea so the Hiring Committee was left with the option of offering the position to the candidate who accepted the concept. It is unfortunate that we are unable to accommodate both exceptional candidates but we are doing due diligence in the hiring process. We try to accommodate all our members but unfortunately we are limited in our funding that is allocated to the position.

We had submitted a Trillium application to refurbish Island View Camp and the Pavilion for new siding - interior and exterior, new roofing and windows, flooring, new walkways and landscaping but we were unsuccessful due to "After careful consideration of your application by the local Grant Review Team (composed of community volunteers appointed from your region), we regret to advise you that we will not be able to fund your proposal.

Although your application was complete, requests reviewed this round were identified by the Foundation's Grant Review Team as having a higher priority for support." We are trying to fund our First Nation by proposal writing to different programs that the government offers, but all they want to give us is money that will only create assessments, business plans, and proposals but they never allocate money to implement these plans.

I have been helping with the implementation of MCFN taking over the rail line between Hearst and Sault Ste. Marie ON. A. Errington has been working diligently on this project to secure funds from the Feds, Transport Canada and the ACR. More details will be forthcoming as we receive them. We have secured as partners the City of Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Wawa, ON, and Hearst On and the cottage association for the area.

The Chief has been working on securing funding for this summer's Gathering as we anticipate it to be a big one because of the elections this August. We have secured all the available space at Ernie's and Island View Camp has been booked.

We have received applications for the Family Support Worker position which is funded by Kunuwanimano and we are waiting for their representative to give us dates for the interviewing process.

Our Chief and Deputy Chief have been working on a Twitter site for MCFN so it will be easier to reach out to the youth. I am not familiar with this site so I cannot give you direction on how to access it but please try. I was informed that you follow this account so that is how much I know.

Our Youth Representative has resigned as his schooling is taking away too much of his time and he wants to continue on his successful academic career.

Due to the (one time reported) spoiled food in our Healthy Snacks program, our Program Manager offered to meet with the families to encourage them to supply us with what they see as a need for their children to take as snacks to school. We had two councillors show up and an elder to the meeting. We only have \$150.00 per month for this program and when we purchase food we try to get the best deals as possible. Please pick up your snacks on snack day or they will be further dispersed to other needy families prior to the weekend.

I have looked into the tobacco allocation system and to be able to sell, we require a retailer with a reserve address and as we do not have a reserve yet, one of our councillors is looking into this and any revenue generated will go to the First Nation.

I have attended an Interim Board Meeting for the Mushkegowuk Development Corporation. The Corporation is working on a Limited Partnership agreement with the First Nations who belong to Mushkegowuk Council and the Partnership will generate income and will be divided equally per share after five years of start-up. The General Manager is working on securing a loan to purchase interest in a business that will be profitable for all our First Nations and we could see a possible return on our investment earlier than anticipated.

The Multi-Purpose building has started to leak again, the same as last year. The contractor will be going up in May to fix this problem at no cost to us.

The Healing Lodge has collapsed as the roof was incomplete before winter set upon us. I told our contractor that if he did not complete the roof this might happen. The

contractor for the Healing Lodge was let go as he did not fulfill his commitment to complete on time and he also wanted more money. Mushkegowuk Council is sending their building inspector to check on the status of the building and to see if it can be saved. It doesn't look as bad as some of the pictures, but it is bad. We are in the process of looking for funds to complete the project.

At the request of Council, we have put a copy of the contract on Castle on the website under the Members section for all members to be able to preview. Should you not have email, you can request a copy from J. Markie and she will send it to you.

A summary of the costs we spend on our loans will be forthcoming.

Should you wish to see more information in my articles, please call or email and I will attempt to relay what you would like to know.

Well, I'd better close now as I am writing a book.

Have a Great Day Everyone!
Cathy Clement

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER

Post-Secondary Education Report

Due to fiscal management practices and other factors for academic year 2015-2016, we were able to provide nine academic achievement awards. Congratulations to all of our ongoing post-secondary students who achieved a B or higher grade for their overall GPA in 2014-2015 academic year!

We are also looking at compensating our struggling current ongoing students with the fall of 2015 allowances back to previous amounts: a one time bonus for their forbearance.

Applications for the 2016-2017 academic year continue to arrive. The package is located on the website. If members would like a copy mailed to them, please call the office and one can be mailed or sent to them electronically. Ongoing students for whom I have email addresses have been sent an e-version.

Finals are soon! May you all do well!

Annual Gathering 2016 Report

The Missanabie accommodations have been booked. We are still looking for a caterer. Are any of our members interested in providing this service? Or if you know of a reputable resource, please contact the office and let us know. All interested parties are asked to please submit a proposal to the attention of Gathering Coordinator. We will be advertising in major newspapers within this area next month.

We will need volunteers for our activities including children and youth programs, cultural events, masters) of ceremonies for each day, social events for the evenings. If you are willing to volunteer for anything you can contact me directly or put it on your registration form or both. All of our volunteers last year were much appreciated by those who attended those events.

This year is an election year. Remember that if we do not have your current address, your ballot will be greatly

challenged in arriving in your mail. We are hoping to see many members but please remember that our funding is limited as are the accommodations. We have some RV spots at both Ernie's and Island View Camp. Remember to register early. At this time, Registration deadline is July 8th if you are flying and the 15th of July if you are getting yourself there by other means. No on-site registrations as the numbers need to be firm for the caterer please.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Hi:

I wanted to share with the community a report on the Prospectors and Developers Association Convention (PDAC) that I attended while in Toronto this year along with the Band Manager, Chief Gauthier, Councilor Nolan and Councilor McLeod, Councilor Pezzo and the Youth Representative. This year the convention hosted two large trade shows and a number of excellent panel discussions.

The panel discussions were the main reason I had wanted to attend as there were some panels that touched on issues close to the heart of Missanabie Cree First Nation. Let me say that it took some time to figure out where to go for the discussions, and because of that I was unable to sit in on the first discussion set in my itinerary which was the *AMSTEP (Aboriginal Mining and Skilled trades Entry Project)* discussion.

This seemed like an interesting topic to share with the community as there are several mines in and around the traditional territory. I took the liberty of researching the project before attending PDAC as to inform myself of the possibility that could be available. AMSTEP is a partnership between Oshi-Pimache-O-Win Education and Training Institute and Goldcorp. Aboriginals who belong to the four First Nations involved in the Musslewhite Agreement and are interested in training for mining related trades are educated by the institute and offered the hands-on portion of program at the Musslewhite Mine within their own territory. Food for thought to consider for any future agreements that may be developed with

If you have questions or solution focused suggestions, please call, email, fax, use a modern day moccasin telegraph, come in to chat.

August 13 to 20, 2016 are the dates!

Regards, Deb Clement
Post Secondary Education Officer
Gathering Coordinator

Missanabie Cree First Nation. This would be a great for economic sustainability, job creation and ensure environmental stewardship is upheld at the mine sites.

So, the official first panel that I attended was the *Indigenous Women and Mineral Development: Impacts and Opportunities*. This panel highlighted indigenous women from different walks of life who have made a career in the mining sector. Some of the women work in management and some work right on the site. Each woman had a different story about their careers and shared the benefits, problems, and opportunities pertaining to the mining sector. They discussed difficulties that some of the women have faced when trying to decide if a career in mining is something they want to pursue.

There was a clear need for dialogue to be had within communities when it comes to supporting women in mining. The barriers that many women face are the lack of child care available and support for the elderly family members. Many women feel that they cannot work in the mines and balance the caregiver role without proper community support to allow this.

The panelists also discussed discrimination against women in the mines and state they have seen a decline in this type of behaviour since women at the mine site has become more frequent. The panelists hope to stop the stigma that women don't belong in mining. There was a suggestion that each First Nation should also include training opportunities for women.

On Tuesday Chief Gauthier participated in the *Revenue*

Transparency and disclosure of payments to Aboriginal communities: Helpful tool or impending obstacle. This was a very interesting topic as they discussed how revenue that comes in from mining companies, through CBA or other means, needs to be disclosed to the public. Across the panel it was felt that transparency to the First Nation is important so that members are informed of the agreements and community benefits however but for it to be disclosed to the general public can be an obstacle when new agreements need to be negotiated by other First Nations. The disclosure of in-kind contributions must be shown in a dollar amount and this does not always allow the full picture as to how those in-kind have been distributed as a benefit to the community.

There were also a few panels on Joint Venture Partnerships that I am really interested in sharing with you. One of the panelists was representing ESS. Chief Gauthier has mentioned ESS as one of the recent Joint Venture partners with Missanabie Cree First Nation. Other panelists included First Nation members who already have Joint Venture partners up and running and were willing to discuss the benefits that these partners have been able to bring to their communities.

Throughout the discussions there was a strong focus to the benefits that the Joint Ventures can bring in such as job creation, skills training, in-kind contribution, even land development which can be included in the agreements. When a Joint Venture is formed between a First Nation and their partner there is so much to consider when making the agreements and each agreement is set up to ensure that it is equally beneficial to both parties. Some agreements are strictly for services, others are much more involved depending on the needs of the

individual First Nation community. Across the panels the same point was stated. In order for the Joint Venture Partnerships to be successful there needs to be long term goals put into place, with realistic terms. Each partnership needs to be flexible with a strong line of communication in place.



*MCFN Elders and Supporters
for the TLE Claim, Toronto, ON
(photo courtesy S. Campbell)*

While I was in Toronto I also got to spend some time with the Elders that were attending the Treaty Land Entitlement Court Case. It was great to see other familiar faces while in a not so familiar place.

Shereena Campbell

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

These last few months have been extremely busy. We are presently planning some activities with Child Care Algoma and the CAP C program for our location out here in Echo Bay. We are presently looking at partnering on having a crock pot night that will allow families to learn

how to cook in a crock pot and prepare dishes using one, as well as other activities. These activities will be taking place in the evenings here in Echo Bay. Please see the calendar to register for events.

I was at a committee meeting of the Mushkegowuk Council working group. This group of people from the communities looks at ways to help the communities look at different possible ventures. We are presently looking at having the communities update their Community Inventory list. We are presently researching ways to fund this position on a short term contract. This project was first done as a Flying Together project in 1996.

I also listened to a presentation from the Far North East Training Board. They are presently working on a project that will bring employers and clients together on one web site. Meaning this site would be a one stop site for employers to look for funds to help with employment as well as potential opportunities for clients to access employers as well as opportunities.

We had a meeting for parents in regards to Healthy Snacks here in the office each month. The whole idea for our snack program was to have healthy snacks for children in order for the children to be able to have snacks when they go to school as well as assisting young mothers with choices for their children. If all families were to pick up snacks each month, we would have 17 families picking up stuff. Our budget for this program is approximately \$ 150.00 per month.

The meeting was held at our office. In attendance were myself, Councilor Isabell Souliere, Councilor Les Nolan

and Lori Rainville, no parents attended that presently pick up snacks. I did speak to one parent, Sheerena Campbell and did get her input into the snacks. Isabell and Lori also provided input into what their family would like to see for the snacks. A suggestion was to purchase stuff in bulk. We did this previously but it was requested by the families to have everything individually wrapped for the children so that they could take it in their lunch. There was also suggestion of purchasing stuff for families to make their own snacks for their children while at home. Another suggestion was only purchase organic stuff and nothing with preservatives, examples are cheese and crackers. One suggestion was to have the fresh produce where families would pick out what they would like to have. Another suggestion was to have families come out and learn different snack ideas and preparation as well as having recipes to take home with them.

This past snack in March 2016, we had 8 families pick up snacks.

Please refer to the calendar of events for activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 705-254-2702, ext. 226.

Thanks,
Lesley Gagnon

Governance Project

The Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) encourages all MCFN members with an email address to sign up for the Members Only section of the MCFN website at www.missanabiecreefn.com.

Those who have signed up can log into the Members Only section and can access important information and notices re MCFN affairs.

In the near future, the GCC will be posting the draft Administrative Policy for feedback and comments from our membership.

The GCC encourages all members to update their mailing addresses, particularly those who do not have an email or access to the Members Only section of the website.

Miigwech!

OPEN BAND MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016
TIME: 1:00 -5:00 PM
LOCATION: BATCHEWANA LEARNING CENTRE
15 JEAN STREET
SAULT STE. MARIE ON

All members are welcome to attend
Refreshments available

No reimbursement available for travel,
accommodations or other expenses

If you are unable to attend in-person and would like to have a question answered or a suggestion brought forward at the meeting, please email the Executive Assistant: scampbell@missanabiecree.com

By 12 noon on Friday April 15, 2016

Your response will be returned to you by email.

Community News and Notes

MCFN ELECTION 2016

Attention **ALL** those members of Voting Age:
Particularly those who are turning 18 years of age
by August 18, 2016 (Election Day)

Please ensure that the Registration Administrator
has your correct Mailing Address,
in order to receive your mail-in ballot.

Miigwech!

Birthday wishes to my first son, Murray
on April 4th
and my first grandson, D.J.
on April 22.
Love you both very much.



- Love Mom and Nanny.

Happy Birthday
to my niece Lorraine Wilson
Love, Auntie June



Happy Birthday Wish
to my niece Bonnie Gideon
Love, Aunty June



Happy Birthday Wish
to my sister Fran
Love, Sister June



Happy Birthday
to my son Corey
Love you son. MOM



Happy Birthday
to my dear sister Fran
- Love you, Jackie



Elders Speak

Wachay My Fellow Elders,

Come on my fellow Elders that want to make a difference in our Community! You could make a difference by just putting your contact information forward to myself. This would be kept confidential. Join the many that have participated in our workshops and conferences and has proven to be quite interesting. Who says, "you are too old to learn"? NEVER!

If you are MCFN and 55 years of age or over and want to be on Elder's Council, please contact me at rawlyk@missanabieecree.com or phone 705-929-4464.

Miigwech,

Laura-Lee, Elders Liaison

1. I just want to say how disturbed I am to hear about the collapse of our healing lodge. I would ask that a four day fire happen before any repairs take place. Thank you.
2. Thanks to Chief and Council for providing the opportunity to attend the TLE court case. It was interesting to see how things are done at that level. Thanks to our legal team as well.

— Elder Jackie Fletcher.

Elders Speak



The next Elders Council Meeting is May 19th 2016 @ 6 pm. sharp.

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

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

Miigwech, Laura-Lee Rawlyk, Elders Liaison

Wachaye Family, Friends and all my Relations:

My name is June Markie as most of you know and I'm reporting on the " *Walking Together On Our Journey*" Residential School Gathering.

Day 1: Opening Prayer was done by Sam Achneepinescum. Drummers Standing Bear did the Opening Song and they were so awesome.

Betty Achneepinescum talked about the Child Welfare Systems which is somewhat the same as residential school where they took the children from their homes and placed them in foster homes. She also mentioned how the residential school impacted our lives with communities and families. She also mentioned to take ownership and how we need to heal our people.

I'm just jotting down a few things that happened at the Gathering.

Cynthia Wesley Esquimaux talked about the Truth and Reconciliation: 94 calls for Action have been tabled in 22 separate categories-all critical to coming together. Child Welfare, Education, Language and Culture, Health, Justice, Reconciliation-Broadly, Youth, Museums and Archives, Missing children and Burial Information, National Centre for T&R, Commemoration, Media and Reconciliation, Sports and Reconciliation these are just a few that she talked about.

We also had a few sharing circles. At one sharing circle we had to talk about what we learned while in the school. I said I learned how important family is and give them all the love you can and don't take them for granted. I said the happiest day of my life there was when my Mom and Dad came and got me and that I would never

have to go back there again.

A lot of the elders never talked about what they learned there because they were still living in the past. You could tell they still need healing. There was one elder by the name of Joseph Linklater and he was funny as hell and so comical, I could have listened to him all day.

Day 2: We had a sharing circle to talk about what we did yesterday and how we were feeling today. Our circle lasted until lunch so we didn't get any morning business done.

The afternoon we had to build a duck out of 6 Legos, the facilitator "Brook Mainville" told us to build something out of three options on the card he gave us. It was fun, I built a car with a wife and husband taking a vacation in the desert in a vehicle but I couldn't get the wheels on so I used it as a hover, then had to tell a story about what I made. He said it was learning adaptability and to be creative. We also had to do a collage with cut outs from a bunch of magazines to describe what makes us feel good about ourselves.

A few people took to me and shared their stories of their lives and difficulties they went through growing up. I really enjoyed myself and had a lot of fun meeting other residential school survivors. I hope this a good enough report.

If any Elder is interested in this kind of workshop please put your name forward because it is awesome and you learn a lot.

Thanks again Elders Council for picking my name

In the Spirit of Sharing,
June Markie



May Birthday Greetings

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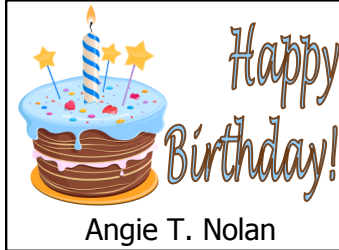
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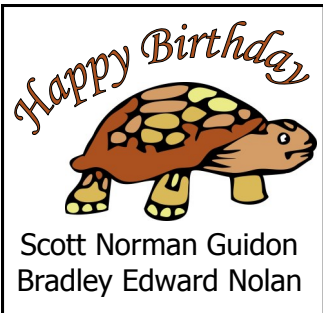
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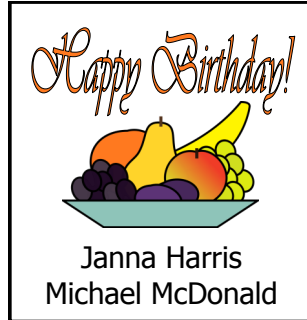
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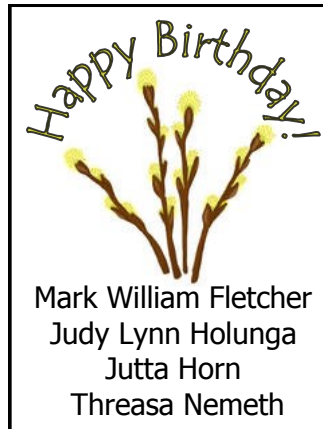
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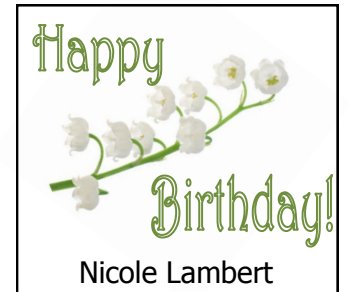
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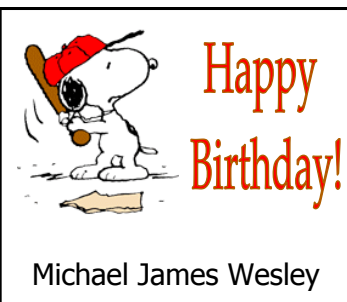
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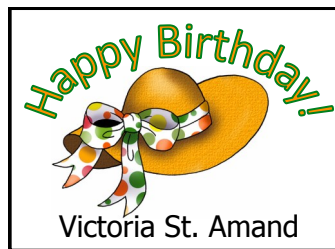
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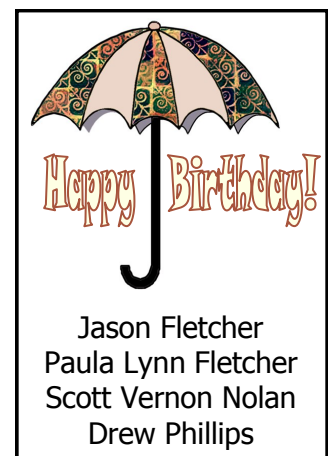
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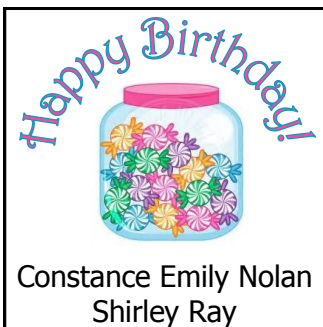


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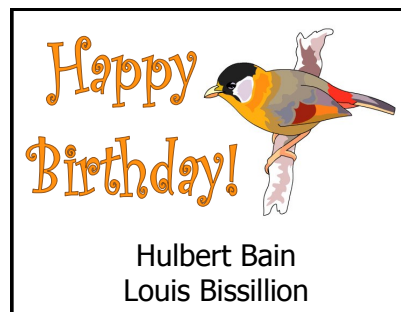
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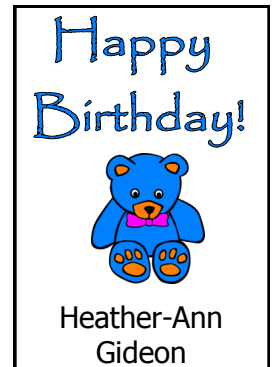
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Louis Bissillion

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Heather-Ann
Gideon

MCFN Events Calendar

APRIL 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Niska Peesim Goose Moon					1	2
For planning purposes, please register for all classes and workshops by calling Lesley at Ext. 226						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Elders Tea Noon Band Office	14 Healthy Snacks After 1:30pm Band Office	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Kids Craft Class 7-9 pm Band Office	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28 Franklin Story Time, Seed Planting @ 10.30 for people with little ones, Lunch pro- vided. Family Seed Starting Day 7 pm Echo Bay	29	30
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Infant Massage 5-sessions Session 1: 10 am-12.30 Lunch provided. Castle Building. Parents with children 0 -12 months	6	7
8 Mom's Day	9 Infant Massage: Session 2 10-12:30 Lunch Provided	10 Tree of Life Pendent Making Supper 5:30-6:00 Workshop 6-8pm	11	12 Infant Massage: Session 3 10-12:30 Lunch Provided Healthy Snacks After 1:30	13	14
15	16 Infant Massage: Session 4 10-12:30 Lunch Provided	17	18 Elders Tea Noon Band Office	19 Infant Massage: Session 5 10-12:30 Lunch Provided	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day	24	25 Crock Pot Cooking night Supper 5:30 Cooking 6 to 7	26 Community garden planting Echo Bay, 10 am till 12 noon lunch provided	27	28
28	30	31	 Ali kee shi Peesim Frog Moon			
For updates, please check our website and FB page, or call the Band Office.						

MAY 2016

Mushkegowuk Council News

Jackie Fletcher – Elder Commissioner on the Mushkegowuk People's Inquiry

I attended the second day of the Mushkegowuk Regional Health Summit in Timmins on March 31, 2016 and during that day the Commissioners of the People's Inquiry from August 2013 – March 2015 were presented with plaques of appreciation for the difficult work that needed to be done as well as the official launch of the reports from the People's Inquiry and the Celebrating Life Youth Gathering. The reports are online at www.peoplesinquiry.com or request copies from the band office.

In the booklet "Nobody Wants To Die. They Want the Pain to Stop" there are 16 main issues that have been identified from the people's stories. Each issue has been broken down into 3 stages of recommendations and possible solutions. One stage for the leadership, one stage for the community, one for the individual. We did this so that these reports would not sit on shelves and gather dust. The community of Moose Factory Health Authority has already developed a five year plan.

The suicides are still very prevalent in the northern communities. In Attawapiskat this March there have been 33 ideations (thought cycle) of suicides. The Chief was so overwhelmed that he called Nishnawbe-Aski Nation for help. N.A.N. sent counsellors to his community which was the support they needed. There have been 5 complete suicides in Fort Albany since last year.

On a lighter note some changes are happening for the better.

- Fort Albany is building a youth centre
- Moose Cree has a youth centre
- Moose Cree Health Authority is developing a five year plan (as suggested by the Commissioners)
- Peawanuk had a threat of suicide but normally not a problem. I asked the young lady representing her community why she thought suicide is non-existent. She told me that her community takes the time to have community gatherings regularly and at these events they honor each other. They have community events for all ages.
- This Health Summit had a lot of representatives there from the Province and the Federal governments who have made commitments to change the health system to meet our needs
- Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday told her side about being a mental health worker for over 20 years with almost minimum wage while her non-native counterparts were treated with respectful wages. A government rep. stood up and stated that the wage rate has been amended.
- The big issue is still around a hospital for the coastal communities to be on the mainland and that their sick people shouldn't have to travel, by boat, to Moose Factory or have to wait until a helicopter is given the go ahead to fly.
- Many actual stories were told of how people died waiting for service

ADVANCED PRESS RELEASE

Missanabie Cree First Nation leads Passenger Train Revival

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, April 11, 2016– Missanabie Cree First Nation is leading the Algoma Passenger Train working Group of First Nations, communities, property owners, businesses and socio-economic stakeholders of the Algoma passenger train corridor in the development of a Non-Profit organization to operate the Algoma Passenger Train. The group will be assisted and mentored in resuming the Algoma Passenger Train operations as soon as possible by another group of First Nations from Northern Manitoba that own the Keewatin Railway Company. Keewatin Railway Company is owned by the Mathias Colomb Indian Band, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, and the War Lake First Nation. Keewatin Railway Company operates passenger, freight and rail maintenance services in Northern Manitoba and has been in the news recently because of their negotiations to acquire the Hudson Bay Railway and the Port of Churchill. Keewatin Railway has agreed in principle to operate the Algoma Passenger Train Service over the short-term while mentoring the development of the Algoma Passenger Train Not-For-Profit.

The bear has long been a symbol of the Algoma passenger train and will continue with First Nations branding. Mask-wa is the Cree word for bear. The new organization will be called Mask-wa (Bear) Transportation and the Algoma Passenger Train will be called Mask-wa Oo-ta-ban, the Bear Train.

The Algoma passenger train is necessary to the First Nations to safely and reliably access the remote and wilderness areas of their traditional territories, including hunting and trapping grounds, culturally significant areas and socio-economic opportunities. First Nations are also developing socio-economic opportunities such as ecotourism businesses, forest management plans and other resource based undertakings.

The 102 year old Algoma passenger train is necessary to the tourism lodges and outfitters along the Algoma rail corridor so they, and their employees, can safely and reliably access their businesses and also so their guests can safely and reliably vacation at their businesses in one of the most beautiful wilderness recreation areas in the world. The Algoma passenger train is important to property owners as the Algoma passenger train provides, safe, reliable, all-season access to their properties. The Algoma passenger train is important to the communities and region of Algoma because the distressed economy and employment of our region needs the \$38-\$48 million of economic activity and hundreds of jobs the passenger train has supported. These jobs are vital to the Algoma region's economic sustainability.

The remote wilderness regions of the Algoma passenger train corridor was an inspiration to the Canadian Group of Seven artists in their early work and many of the sites for 100s of their paintings are not publicly accessible except by the Algoma passenger train.

The Algoma Passenger Train Working Group and Keewatin Railway Company hope to have Mask-wa Oo-ta-ban, the Algoma passenger train operating as soon as possible. It will depend on how quickly the Government of Canada commits the \$5.3 million budgeted to support the Algoma passenger train, to support this enterprise. Anyone wishing to help facilitate the resumption of the Algoma Passenger Train can write letters of support to Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and your local politician. More information at www.AlgomaPassengerTrain.com or www.MaskwaTransportation.com.

- Al Errington

Missanabie Cree First Nation Rep on Algoma Passenger Train Initiative

News Items

AFN NATIONAL CHIEF SAYS FEDERAL BUDGET A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN CLOSING THE GAP FOR FIRST NATIONS



March 22, 2016 (Ottawa, ON): Today's federal budget is a significant step in closing the gap in the quality of life between First Nations peoples and Canadians and beginning the process of reconciliation, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde says.

"The budget begins to address decades of underfunding and neglect, which have perpetuated a growing gap in the quality of life between First Nations and other Canadians," said AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde. "This budget invests in important priorities for First Nations and all Canadians. Investments in housing, clean water, education, and child welfare will bring long-needed relief for those living in third world conditions, and build a stronger economy for everyone."

The 2016 federal budget unveiled today is an historic \$8.4 billion over 5 years in investments in Indigenous issues. It has committed to eliminate the 2% cap. It also

allocates investments in First Nations Education; Infrastructure and Housing; Green Infrastructure on Reserve and clean drinking Water; First Nations child and family services; Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy; Aboriginal Languages Initiative; Health; Justice; Fishing and Environment. The federal budget also commits to engage with First Nations on a new long-term fiscal relationship.

"Creating the conditions for First Nations peoples to succeed, whether they live in the north, on reserve or in urban areas, is the best economic stimulus plan for Canada," said National Chief Bellegarde. "It will add billions to the economy and save billions more in social costs while creating a stronger, more just and prosperous country for us all."

Retrieved from: <http://www.afn.ca/en/news-media/latest-news/16-3-22-afn-national-chief-says-federal-budget-a-significant-step-in-c>

FIRST NATION LEADERS COMMEND FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER JANE PHILPOTT AND ONTARIO HEALTH MINISTER ERIC HOSKINS ON PRODUCTIVE MEETING ON HEALTH ISSUES



(April 1, 2016) – On behalf of the Chiefs of Ontario, I want to publicly commend Health Ministers Philpott and Hoskins, along with their senior staff, for the compassion and commitment they demonstrated at yesterday's meeting which was a follow-up to February's Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) State of Public Health Emergency. The scheduled one-hour meeting went for over two hours in order to allow First Nation leaders to both express their concerns and present immediate, short, and long-term solutions.

Not only did the Health Ministers agree to immediately move forward based upon the proposed actions submitted by NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, they also vowed to implement the necessary measures that will finally eliminate the health crises faced by far too many of our communities in Ontario. Both Ministers stated that the current health inequities experienced by First Nations should not exist in a country as wealthy as Canada. This week's tragic and fatal fire in Pikangikum, which claimed three generations of one family, along with the ongoing skin rashes suffered by children in Kashechewan, only serve to underscore the poor health determi-

nants – from housing to water – that have plagued our peoples for decades. While more nurses, doctors and suicide crisis workers are part of the immediate solution, the long term goal – as voiced by Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon at yesterday's meeting – is to build happy, healthy communities for his children and grandchildren.

As chair of the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs Committee on Health, I will continue to advocate for immediate improvements to health services across Canada. The positive outcomes of yesterday's meeting can serve as a template for federal-provincial jurisdictional co-operation across the country. We must provide hope today, and action tomorrow, for those approximately 100 communities across Canada that suffer Third World poverty.

We must build upon the renewed relationship at the federal level, as well as the commitments by all levels of government to act upon the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action – so many of which are child and health related. In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to work together to end Canada's greatest shame, and to begin building those happy, healthy communities that our People have waiting so patiently for, and for far too long. Together, we will continue to take steps toward realizing the spirit and intent of the Treaties entered into by our ancestors, and build a better Canada for all of our children.

See more at: <http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/node/1357>

Opportunities for Youth



ATTENTION MISSANABIE YOUTH AGES 18 – 25

Missanabie Cree Chief and Council are seeking a Missanabie youth representative.

- Travel will be involved
- Reports submitted to Chief and Council when representing MCFN youth
- Newsletter article submitted to membership/youth monthly
- Work on communication development of youth involvement in MCFN
- Keep up to date of youth events of Missanabie and notify MCFN youth

There will be a honoraria paid monthly for these duties carried out for MCFN and a CPIC will be required of the youth who is chosen to carry out this important role for Missanabie Cree. The term will commence immediately, and will finish when the term for the current Chief and Council ends in August, 2016.

Deadline: **April 20, 2016**

Apply with letter of interest or resume to:

Attention: Chief Jason Gauthier
 Mail: 559 Queen St. E
 Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3
 Fax: 705-254-3292
 Email: jgauthier@missanabiecree.com

Miigwech, Missanabie Cree Chief and Council

Opportunities for Youth

Youth/Garden Market/ Gathering Assistant Coordinator

Pending funding

Proposed Start Date: May 1, 2016 - Feb 28, 2017

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

Qualifications:

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

Duties/Requirements:

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

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

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

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

Attention: June Markie

Opportunities for Youth



Shared Value Internship Program 2016

Paid 8-month position for First Nation, Métis or Inuit intern: Shared Value Solutions' (SVS) is offering an annual 8-month paid internship for a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit graduate of a university, college, or ECO Canada BEAHR program with an environment or social science focus.

Interns will work from SVS's office in Guelph, Ontario, Canada for 4 months and then return to their home community to work for the remaining 4 months of the paid placement period.

Our goal is to help support Indigenous people to empower themselves to lead their communities and take part in nation-building in to the future.

The objectives of the Shared Value Internship Program are:

- 1) to help young Indigenous professionals build their employment experience, skills, and networks in the environment sector
- 2) to help Indigenous professionals enhance their leadership potential
- 3) to build capacity within Indigenous nations to address the complex environmental issues that they may face, including the Duty to Consult and Accommodate, land use planning, and the potential impacts of development projects

How to apply

- **Applications will be accepted until May 2, 2016** by email to HR@sharedvaluesolutions.com
- Applications must include:
 - o **Resume** outlining qualifications for the position (graduation from a university or college program with an environmental or social science focus and any relevant work or volunteer experiences)
 - o **Cover letter** explaining why the applicant feels that they are the best candidate
 - o **Signed Memorandum of Understanding (see Appendix A)** completed by 1) a host community champion who the intern would report to and 2) a representative of the candidate's host First Nation, Métis or Inuit community or other Indigenous organization who has signing authority
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews within approximately 1 month of the closing date.

Logistics

- Pay \$17.00 per hour for 35 hours per week for 32 weeks (total \$19,040.00).
- Up to \$350 in workshop, conference and/or external training attendance to be covered.
- Estimated \$2,500 investment in career coaching, in-house training, and leadership training services to be provided to the intern over the 8-month period.
- Internship start date is flexible.



How it works

- The Intern will work from SVS's Guelph, Ontario, Canada office for the first 4 months and will work within their host community (e.g. for the Lands and Resources department, Economic Development department, Consultation department, or similar) or another Indigenous organization (e.g. Tribal Council) for the next 4 months. The full 8-month salary will be covered by SVS.
- Depending on the interests of the individual and the projects at the time, the work could involve: land use planning; mapping / GIS; oral history interviewing; environmental assessment technical review and impact assessment support; qualitative and quantitative data analysis; Internet research; historic and document reviews; report writing; economic development support; meeting attendance; strategic planning; facilitation; assisting in providing training; proposal, work plan and budget preparation; project coordination; marketing and communications; filmmaking; graphics; or other.
- Interns must communicate on their activities and learning at least once per month to their host community champion throughout the first 4 months and are requested to continue communicating on their activities and learning to SVS throughout the next 4 months.
- Interns will set goals, be mentored and have opportunities to attend workshops, conferences, training and receive career coaching throughout the 8-month period.
- Interns and their host community champions will be supported in seeking funding opportunities and models to continue the position past the 8-month internship period if of interest.

About Shared Value Solutions

SVS is a consulting firm whose core business is in regulatory and Environmental Assessment support and strategy; land use and occupancy and archaeology studies; Aboriginal and private sector business partnerships; and community consultation and engagement. SVS offers BEAHR certified training in Environmental Site Assessment, Environmental Monitoring, and Land Use Planning.

We assist Indigenous and non-Indigenous nations and private sector companies across Canada in coming together to create shared value for all parties involved. Our mission is to “have fun, make money, do good, and do good work”. For more information: www.sharedvaluesolutions.com and www.facebook.com/SharedValueSolutions.

Opportunities



Mushkegowuk Council Economic Development Department

Economic Development Project Assistant Intern

Full Time - 12 months.

The Mushkegowuk Council is the senior representative non-profit organization for 7 First Nations in the Western James Bay and Hudson's Bay. These include Attawapiskat First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Moose Cree First Nation, Chapleau Cree First Nation, and Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Some of the key objects of the Council are:

- (a) To further the spiritual, cultural, social, economic and political aspirations of the communities of Fort Albany, Kashechewan, Attawapiskat, Taykwa Tagamou and Moose Factory, and other groups or individuals affiliated with any of the above communities;
- (b) To promote and foster the socio-economic self-sufficiency of the self-government aspirations of member communities;
- (c) To co-ordinate economic development community efforts;
- (d) To support the development and establishment of self-government of member communities;
- (e) To improve the quality of the social, economic, political, education and life of the James Bay Cree people.

INTERN RESPOSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the Economic Development Director, the intern will participate in coordinating regional economic development initiatives in collaboration with community economic development officers of member communities. Specific tasks are given below.

- Participate in the design and coordination of MEDAC, MWDC meetings.
- To assist with social media presence of the department.
- Coordinate the Mushkegowuk Council Hockey Challenge Cup enterprise value research and determine the strategic options for the future of the enterprise.
- Research the MC total value spend by participants; family, players, teams etc.
- Determine template / model for capturing value of the event and any eco-system supporting the enterprise.
- Evaluate the possible strategic options for making the enterprise more successful.
- To assist in an improved health and wellness project in the communities.
- Research health & wellness existing infrastructure.
- Research health & wellness challenges with community members.
- Assist in working to address the identified challenges and building a framework incorporating solutions from other related projects. e.g. Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

The purpose of the internship position is to;

1. To conduct research on the following with respect the Mushkegowuk Council (MC) Hockey Challenge Cup enterprise value; the number of attendees, households, average household spend on food, fuel, accommodation and other related info to determine the true value of the enterprise.
2. To coordinate an improved health and wellness project in the communities.
3. To assist with the secretariat of the Mushkegowuk Economic Advisory committee (MEDAC) and the Mushkegowuk Workforce Development Committee (MWDC) committees. The Committees support the Council in identifying issues relating to the capacity building, wellness and the readiness of the workforce. This will involve assisting in meeting planning, note taking, and tasks' follow-up as required.
4. Any other desk research that may be required by the community EDOs

QUALIFICATIONS:

Post-secondary education in business, economics, commerce, social sciences or related disciplines. University or college graduate who has graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university. The candidate must be a graduate of a post-secondary degree or diploma program. The position will be a first full-time employment in the candidate's field of study.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills, with ability to communicate with diverse populations
- Professional demeanor
- Experience using Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint programs
- Well organized with attention to detail and ability to carry out tasks independently with minimum supervision.
- Ability to meet deadlines

EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL SKILLS DESIRED:

- Knowledgeable about survey administration and analysis.
- Experience with basic statistical analysis and research
- Ability to prepare written reports based on data analysis, including tables and graphs
- Familiarity with the Mushkegowuk communities and agencies.

SCHEDULE: Commitment of 12 months, beginning May 2016, and a work schedule of 37.5 hours per week.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications should include a cover letter and a resume and must be received by **4:30pm of April 29, 2016.**

Please mail applications to: Director Economic Development Department, Mushkegowuk Council, 36 Birch Street, South, Timmins, ON P4N 2A5 or by email to johnkonmah@mushkegowuk.ca

Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



TO HELP OUR ELDERS/YOUTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Miigwech!

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



Caterer Needed



For more information, contact:

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

MCFN Membership

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

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

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

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

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

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

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

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

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Deborah Ewing	Marion Nolan
Broderick Fletcher	Ted Nolan
Darcy Fletcher	Jo Ann Pezzo
Jackie Fletcher	Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Chair)
Gloria Harris	Faye Wesley
Gladys Hawkins	

GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC)

Kyle Bateson	Jackie Fletcher
Debbie Ewing	Terri Lou Fletcher

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE (CCPSC)

Neil Ewing (Youth Representative)	Broderick (BG) Fletcher
Glad Fletcher-Hawkins	Shirley Horn
Jackie Fletcher	JoAnn Pezzo
Terri Lou Fletcher	

MCDC BOARD

Cathy Clement	Gloria Harris	Carol Nolan
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BG Fletcher	Cheryl Macumber	JoAnn Pezzo

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