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Missanabie Cree First Nation

The Missanabie Cree are on the Move!

There have been a number of developments over the last little while that indicate that the Missanabie Cree First Nation is making progress in bringing the community vision to a reality.

Among these are :

1. Implementation of the LTA - The survey plans are being deposited with the Registry Office. There is a strong expectation that the designated lands will be transferred in fee simple to MCFN at our next Gathering. The Additions to Reserve process is moving along, but it is difficult to predict when reserve status will be achieved.
2. Court Decision - Ontario's Court of Appeal has made a decision in MCFN's favour regarding advanced costs to proceed with litigation for our Treaty Land Entitlement claim. (See news item on page 5.)
3. Economic development - MCFN is engaging in a new venture that will see employment, training and other benefits in a new building supply business. (See press release on page 2.)
4. Community planning is proceeding.
5. Governance Project - Initial phase has been completed and a proposal for the next phase submitted.
6. The Community Garden - This year, raised beds have been built, and planting has begun. (Story on page 6.)

Events/Gatherings:

2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference

June 11-15, 2012 Vancouver, BC
www.indigenous2012.com

Aboriginal Day Celebration

June 21, 2012 Whitefish Island, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
www.batchewana.ca/content/content.html?page=28

38th Annual All-Ontario Chiefs Conference

June 26-28, 2012 Toronto, ON
<http://chiefs-of-ontario.org/Events/>

Assembly of First Nations 33rd Annual General Assembly

July 17-19, 2012 Toronto, ON
www.afn.ca

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**Missanabie Cree First Nation
Annual Gathering
August 11-18, 2012**

Message from the Chief

News Release

Industry Canada/FedNor

Government of Canada investment supports Aboriginal economic development

June 8, 2012 - SAULT STE. MARIE - Bryan Hayes, Member of Parliament for Sault Ste. Marie, on behalf of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister for FedNor, today announced a Government of Canada investment of \$31,500 to support Aboriginal business growth and development in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

“The Government of Canada is committed to supporting initiatives that develop entrepreneurial opportunities for First Nations,” said Minister Clement. “This investment will provide Missanabie Cree First Nation members with employment prospects and help strengthen the community’s economy.”

“With this support, the Missanabie Cree First Nation is one step closer to establishing a new manufacturing facility right here in the community,” added MP Hayes. “The project will also help develop partnership opportunities with private sector companies and enhance the region’s economic sustainability.”

The FedNor funding will assist the Missanabie Cree Development Corporation with legal and consulting fees required to establish a band-owned company in the Sault Ste. Marie area that would produce modular homes for sale to other First Nations.

“With FedNor support, we hope to establish a manufacturing company that will create up to 10 jobs initially, and another 10 to 15 as we expand into other markets,” said Chief Kim Rainville, Missanabie Cree First Nation.

The funding announced today is provided through FedNor’s Northern Ontario Development Program, which supports projects that strengthen community economic development, enhance business growth, and facilitate innovation throughout the region.

To find out more about FedNor, visit: fednor.gc.ca.

News Briefs

The National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) is pleased to announce that the NAHO website www.naho.ca will remain static but available to community members, healthcare practitioners, government, scholars and the public for 5 years beyond NAHO’s closing on June 29, 2012. In addition, NAHO’s YouTube and SlideShare accounts will also remain available.



On June 11, 2012, the National Day of Reconciliation and the anniversary of the Prime Minister’s apology for Residential Schools, the Indigenous Bar Association (IBA) will be calling upon Prime Minister Harper to stop blocking efforts to bring justice and equity to First Nation children on reserves. The Harper Government recently filed an appeal of a Federal Court decision that directs the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to hear a complaint that First Nations children are being discriminated against because of federal underfunding of child welfare services on reserve.

Messages from Council

It has been a very busy month for me. I have been working on a “template” agreement that attempts to address all the concerns that Missanabie Cree have in regards to exploration within our traditional territory. I originally received this agreement in early 2011, and submitted it to Chief and Council for review. I have been working on it so that it meets the needs and concerns of our people.

Mining and exploration, I have found, has always been a concerning issue within Missanabie Cree, as there has been a lot of work done by companies within the territory over the last while. With the former Chief being the newly appointed President of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, we have been presented with a lot of information on the mining sequence and how mining works over the years. (Congratulations on your appointment!).

I have also done some work on a declaration and consultation policy (Principles of Consultation for Proponents) so that companies will know that we as a community need to be part of all decisions made regarding land.

We had very productive face- to- face Chief and Council meeting facilitated by Angie Lafontaine. I felt that there were some issues that were unclear and ultimately led to some frustration. I believe that the information shared helped to clarify everybody’s standpoints and perspectives.

I was also very fortunate to be part of a **strategic planning** meeting with staff and Chief and Council. I felt this was productive and look forward to doing the work that needs to get done for our community.

I have drafted a Terms of Reference for the “**MISSANABIE CREE LANDS AND RESOURCE STEERING COMMITTEE**”. I am looking for interested members to participate.

Please submit your letter of interest to jmarkie@missanabiecree.com, or fax to 705-254-3292 if you would like to participate. My hope is that through community involvement we can take an inclusive approach to the way our lands and resources are controlled and managed.

If anybody would like to discuss anything within my newsletter submission please contact me at 705-951-0449 or add me to facebook, or Skype ([jasongauthiermissanabie](https://www.facebook.com/jasongauthiermissanabie)).

Jason Gauthier
Councillor, MCFN

**Attention: Missanabie Cree First Nation
Citizens**

**Mushkegowuk Regional Land Use
Planning Information
Session**

To discuss

**The Terms of Reference for Regional Land Use
Planning**

WHERE

Circle of Creative Arts

648 Queen Street East, SSM

DATE

JUNE 19, 2012

TIME

10:00 a.m.

News Items

OTTAWA APPEALS FEDERAL COURT RULING ON FIRST NATIONS CHILD WELFARE

OTTAWA - The government of Canada has appealed a Federal Court ruling that ordered a new hearing into whether Ottawa is discriminating against native children. The Canadian Human Rights Commission has said last month's Federal Court ruling clears the way for First Nations to challenge federal funding for education, policing and health care.

The ruling rejected the federal government's attempts to prevent First Nations groups from arguing for better funding for child welfare on reserves.

The ruling meant that First Nations and the federal government would have held a full-blown hearing about whether Ottawa is treating native children unfairly. First Nations groups say Ottawa is discriminating against native kids because the support the feds provide for child welfare on reserves is much lower than what kids off reserves get from provincial governments.

The Justice Department filed notice Friday that it intends to challenge that ruling in the Federal Court of Appeal. Jan O'Driscoll, spokesman for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, said that despite the decision to appeal, "we will, in the meantime, continue moving forward with willing partners to make progress with respect to child and family services."

He said the government has six framework agreements in place with the provinces and First Nations to fund child and family services. He said that represent new annual investments of \$100 million, bringing to \$600 million the total invested in First Nations child and family services to 2012-13.

Friday's appeal is the latest move by the federal government to block the case, arguing it is not fair to compare federal services to provincial services.

(Canadian Press—May 18, 2012)

MAKING DRINKING WATER SAFE IN FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

May 20th, 2012 - Who would disagree that drinking water quality must be improved on First Nation lands? This must include access to safe, reliable and clean drinking water. The real question is, how to achieve that, in a way that adequately addresses First Nations interests, and without Canada imposing its made-in-Ottawa solutions.

"Unconstitutional" and "highly objectionable," is how Nisga'a officials describe Bill S8, Canada's safe drinking water legislation for First Nations.

Kevin McKay, Chairperson, Nisga'a Lisims Government was testifying last week at the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples. He said the Nisga'a see Bill S8, as "a potential threat to section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982 in general and all land claims in particular".

The Nisga'a Nation Chairperson made it clear they are not against something "as honourable as safe drinking water for First Nations". However, Senators were told that there has been "no consultation whatsoever with the Nisga'a Nation".

The Nisga'a Nation also has significant legal concerns with the contents of the bill. They object if the legislation proceeds as is, because "It expressly purports to have regulations prevail over constitutionally protected trea-

ties. It is totally inconsistent with the provisions of the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act, an act of this Parliament, and all other settlement statutes that say that the treaties prevail. The Nisga'a treaty says if there is a conflict between the Nisga'a treaty and any federal law the treaty prevails."

Another major concern the Nisga'a have, is the likely condition that they would have to opt into Canada's regulations in order to obtain federal funding for safe drinking water.

Jim Aldridge, Legal Advisor, Nisga'a Lisims Government explained: "First Nations, such the Nisga'a Nation and other groups with land claims agreements, will, we predict, be given the invidious choice. You can have money for safe drinking water or you can have your treaty rights, but you cannot have both. We say that this is a cynical, thin edge of the wedge to establish, for the first time in Canadian parliamentary history, a legislative precedent whereby constitutionally protected rights are subject to ordinary statutes of Parliament, and the next time there is a bill with this idea we suggest that the government will point to this bill as being the legislative precedent. The next time there will not be the option to opt in or opt out."

http://www.turtleisland.org/front/_front.htm

MISSANABIE CREE CLOSE TO RECLAIMING HOMELANDS

The Missanabie Cree First Nation is one step closer to resolving its outstanding treaty lands claim, after an Ontario court ruled that the federal and provincial governments must cover Missanabie Cree legal costs as negotiations go before the courts.

Missanabie Cree Chief Kim Rainville said the recent Ontario Superior Court decision provides his First Nation with the resources to take the final steps towards reclaiming its traditional lands. "It means we're just about ready to go home," Rainville said. "There's a lot of work in planning and development that still needs to happen, but the opportunity is now here for us to develop our community."

The court order for Ontario and Canada to cover the band's legal cost is rare in Canadian law, explained Ron Maurice of Maurice Law, Barristers and Solicitors, the legal firm representing MCFN. "It was not enough to show that the First Nation had need of the funds. The Missanabie Cree also had to show that its case had public importance," Maurice said.

"The court said they reserve these kinds of rulings to the most exceptional cases," Maurice said.

The first ruling on the case came down in favour of Missanabie Cree in December 2011, but the federal government appealed the decision. The government's appeal was thrown out on May 3. Rainville said that without government money to fund its legal case, MCFN would not be able to afford a trial to finish the negotiations on land and compensation.

MCFN's struggle for control of its traditional land traces back to the early years of the 20th century, when the First Nation signed Treaty 9. At that time the Crown failed to provide the band with reserve land as per terms of the treaty. Negotiations between MCFN, Ontario and Canada on awarding MCFN its reserve lands started in 1998, but fell apart a few years later. A second set of talks between MCFN and Canada also fell apart after the federal government made a final offer that MCFN rejected.

Rainville said his First Nation had no choice but to take its claim to the courts, given the federal government's "take it or leave it" approach to negotiations. "It's been at least 14 years of trying to negotiate a settlement," Rainville said. "Finally it is going to come before the courts."

The upcoming court case will determine how much land MCFN is entitled to under Treaty 9. Rainville expects the land base to be around 85 square miles, given the ap-

proximately 400 members of MCFN alive today and the Treaty 9 entitlement of one square mile per family of five. So far Ontario has agreed to provide the band with 15 square miles of land, based on the estimated Missanabie Cree population of 100 members at the time of the Treaty 9 signing.

The work on setting up a 15 square mile reserve is ongoing. Rainville hopes to have that land deeded to his First Nation before the end of 2012, with additional land added to the reserve once the court case finishes.

Maurice said it is "shocking" that the situation was not resolved long before the point where it comes to the courts. "This is a landless band, who entered into treaty over 100 years ago, and both Canada and Ontario have acknowledged that the Missanabie Cree are entitled to land," Maurice said. "It is a bit of a mystery why this has not been resolved."

The court case will also address the band's financial compensation for being held without land for the past century. Maurice said the federal negotiator in 1998 agreed that money should be provided for housing and infrastructure, so that the First Nation can build its community on the new reserve.

Since then the federal government has taken infrastructure monies off the table, but the Missanabie Cree expect the courts to re-institute those funds as part of the legal decision. Rainville is hoping for a quick, out-of-court settlement, considering how long the band has already waited to get its traditional lands back.

"There are a number of Elders we seem to be losing as the years go on," Rainville said. "There is an opportunity now for some of them to spend some time on their traditional land. We're hopeful we're not going to have to go through three more years of trials and many more years of appeals."

Rainville added that the First Nation's future generations are the driving force behind the legal case. "We're looking to develop a community, looking to the imaginations of our children and grandchildren for that," he said. "The most valuable thing we'll have is the land. Money will come and go, but the land will be there forever."

"We owe it to those future generations to ensure they have their homeland back."

(Wawatay News, May 25, 2012)

www.wawataynews.ca/archive/all/2012/5/25/missinabie-cree-close-reclaiming-homelands_22851

Community News and Notes

Preparing the MCFN Community Garden for Planting - May 24, 2012



The work crew taking a break. Lesley, Lori, Isabell, Louise, Shelly, and Jutta.



Louise, Elizabeth, Shelly, and Steve.



Stephen Hawkins at the head of the work brigade.

Our raised-bed builder, Scott, at his work bench. The results of his efforts are seen below.



One of two piles of composted soil that had to be hauled and poured into the raised beds.



Raking the soil into the raised beds.



The garden is now ready for planting, This year the plans include peppers, tomatoes, squash, beets, carrots, onions, and for the first time potatoes will also be planted. (The planting took place on June 2. More pictures to follow.)

Community News and Notes

A delegation of diplomats from the country of Brazil requested a meeting with the Missanabie Cree First Nation. These representatives wanted to meet with MCFN to, in their words, “*get to know the Missanabie Cree people; to get to hear your stories and share ours; to see what you have achieved and what your community is like.*”



Flag of the Federative Republic of Brazil.



On May 14, the Brazilian delegation arrived in Sault Ste. Marie. They met with the staff at the MCFN Band Office, and through an interpreter, stories were shared about our history and our experience in rebuilding our community. A feast was planned and held at the Circle of Creative Arts Centre.



At the COCA Centre, from left to right: Moreira Mendes, Deputado Federal, Camara dos Deputados; Edio Lopes, Deputado Federal, Camara dos Deputados; and the Hon. Padre Ton, Deputado Federal, Camara dos Deputados; Chairman of the Commission, and head of the delegation to Canada.



MCFN staff also arranged for a tour of Algoma University and the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre.

From left to right,:
Don Jackson, Algoma University; Jonathan Dewar, Director, Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre; the Hon. Padre Ton, Archie Nolan, Edio Lopes, Shirley Horn, Moreira Mendes, Jutta Horn, and Rodrigo Rantig, Interpreter/Diplomat.

Submissions to Community News and Notes, Birthday and other Greetings

Deadline for submissions is the first day of every month, for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

Please send your items:

By fax: 705-254-3292

By email: eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com

Community News and Notes



Ceremony for the late Alice Ouellet

Group picture in front of Jack Gideon's camp after the ceremony for Alice Ouellet Trout Lake, June 2, 2012.

Happy Birthday,
June
Love, your sister,
Jackie

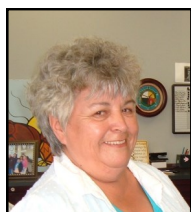


We would like to congratulate
Elizabeth &
Henry Angeconeb
On their
37th Anniversary,
June 21, 2012



 Happy Birthday to my beautiful granddaughter - Tiffany. I love you very much. Nanny Fletcher 

Elders Speak



Blast from the Past

Hi, Everyone:

I have a challenge for all of you Elders for the upcoming Gathering. Let's have a **"Blast from the Past"** night where we showcase something from the past:

- A toy, catalogue,
- doll, pop,
- makeup, shoes,
- pictures,
- whatever you had when you were a kid.



It would be good to cover it up and then display after everyone has brought something. Maybe you have two or three things - the more, the better.

Jackie Fletcher.

ABOUT 120 'MISSING CHILDREN' DEATHS TIED TO RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS NOW ID'D

TORONTO - An intensive review of Ontario records has so far turned up more than 100 possible cases of previously unidentified child and youth deaths linked to Indian residential schools, the province's chief coroner said Thursday. The information was gleaned from close scrutiny of about 5,000 death records selected from an initial screening of 250,000 records going back to the 19th century.

"It's staggering to think that families would not have known what happened to a child that was sent off to the residential schools," Chief Coroner Dr. Andrew McCallum told *The Canadian Press*. "There was a huge vacuum of information. What was fed back to the immediate family was highly inconsistent."

At the beginning of the year, Ontario's coroner's office began trying to identify missing and dead children from the residential schools at the request of the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Among other things, the commission's "Missing Children Project" has been trying to come to grips with the large number of aboriginal children who died or went missing while in the care of the scores of government-funded, church-run residential schools, the last of which shut down in the 1990s.

In all, about 150,000 aboriginal children were forced to leave their communities for the schools in an effort to assimilate them into mainstream Canadian society. By some estimates — especially prior to the 1940s — mortality rates reached 50 per cent.

Although some deaths were suicides, most fatalities were due either to disease or occurred after the children ran away from the schools, then

had accidents, hypothermia or drowned.

"They were terribly unhappy and they left," McCallum said. "They succumbed to various things that happen to children who are on their own in harsh environments."



Marion Gauthier (left) and her mother, Barbara (Tatsie) Latrille. Barbara attended Residential School. (Photo courtesy of Jason Gauthier)

McCallum, who noted the residential school deaths still resonate, also announced a joint inquest into the deaths of seven aboriginal students in Thunder Bay, Ont., between 2000 and 2011. The seven — aged 15 to 21 — died after leaving their home communities to pursue secondary education in Thunder Bay. The joint inquest was called after consultation with Nishnawbe Aski Nation due to the similar circumstances which surrounded the deaths, McCallum said.

The Ontario review has so far turned up 120 possibly "missing" children, although cross-referencing with commission information still needs to

take place to confirm that, said Dr. David Eden, who led the records search on behalf of the coroner's office.

Eden called the overall mortality numbers linked to the schools "scary" and said the entire system beggared belief.

"I can't understand why this was done and how it was done," Eden said in an interview. "I can understand the need for both First Nations and the larger population of Ontario and Canada to acknowledge that it happened and we should do everything we can to tell the affected families what happened to their child."

The records search — aimed at complementing information already in possession of the commission — has been a painstaking process, particularly for those from before 1965 now kept in the Archives of Ontario.

In addition, records related to the Indian residential schools were often poorly maintained. McCallum said his office would share its approach with other chief coroners and medical examiners next week at a conference in Quebec City in hopes of helping their searches.

Despite the difficulties, McCallum said it was essential to dig up the information. "It's really important for there to be a truthful, as much as possible, disclosure to those who were involved as to what happened," he said.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was set up in 2007 as part of the federal government's apology for the residential school system.

(Colin Perkel, The Canadian Press, May 31, 2012)

MCFN Events Calendar

		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	3	4 MCFN Office Closed Staff Development	5 MCFN Office Closed	6 Elders' Tea 1:30-3:30pm COCA Centre	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14 Healthy Snacks after 1:30	15	16	
	17 Father's Day	18	19 Land Use Planning 10 am COCA Craft Class 6:45-8:30 pm COCA Centre	20 Elders' Tea 1:30-3:30pm COCA Centre	21 Aboriginal Day	22	23	
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June Birthday Greetings

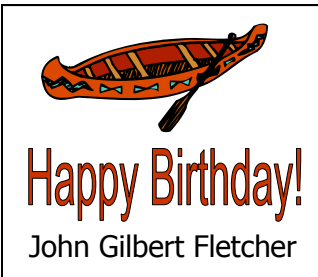
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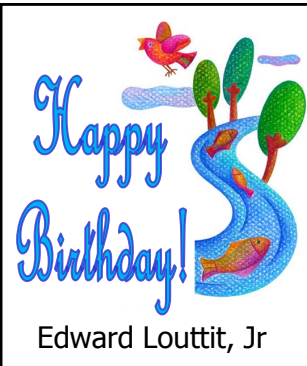
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Happy Birthday!

John Gilbert Fletcher

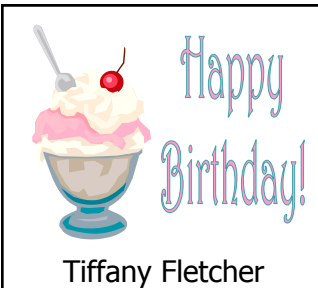
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Happy Birthday!

Edward Louttit, Jr

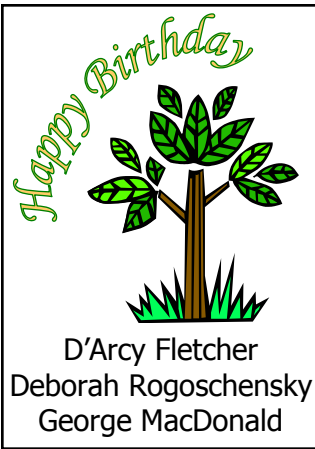
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Happy Birthday!

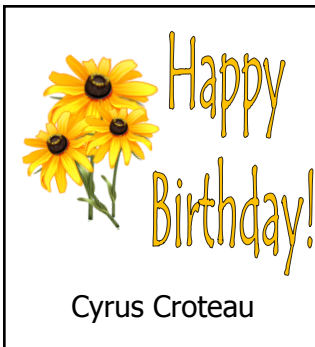
Tiffany Fletcher

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D'Arcy Fletcher
Deborah Rogoschensky
George MacDonald

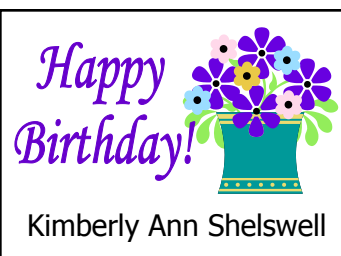
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Happy Birthday!

Cyrus Croteau

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Happy Birthday!

Kimberly Ann Shelswell

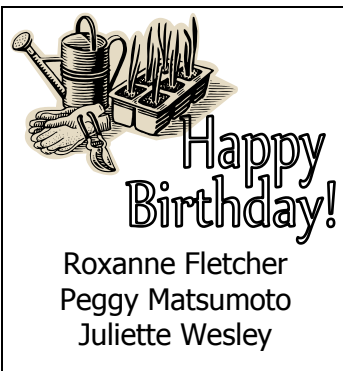
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Happy Birthday!

Angela Lalonde

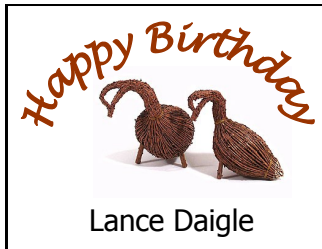
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Happy Birthday!

Roxanne Fletcher
Peggy Matsumoto
Juliette Wesley

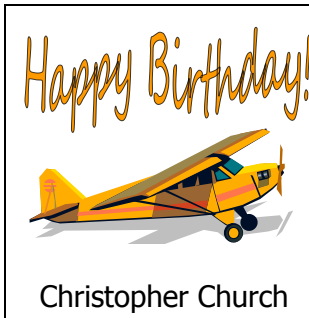
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Happy Birthday!

Lance Daigle

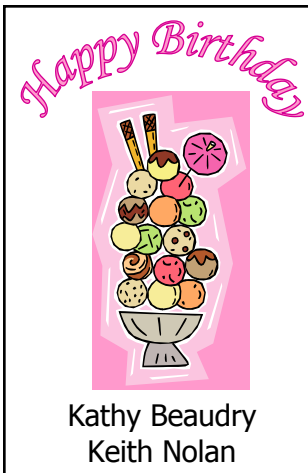
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Happy Birthday!

Christopher Church

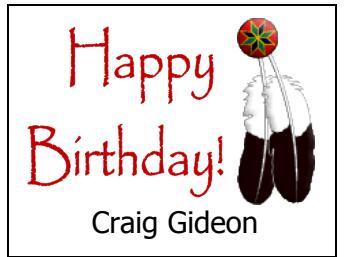
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Happy Birthday!

Kathy Beaudry
Keith Nolan

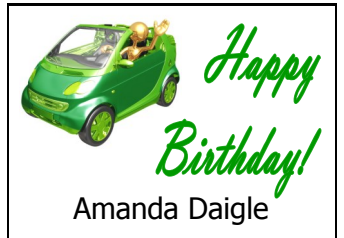
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Happy Birthday!

Craig Gideon

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Happy Birthday!

Amanda Daigle

JUNE 22



Happy Birthday!

Randall Jeffries

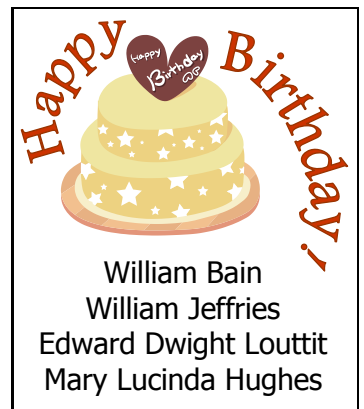
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Happy Birthday!

Terri Lou Fletcher

JUNE 30



Happy Birthday!

William Bain
William Jeffries
Edward Dwight Louttit
Mary Lucinda Hughes

Opportunities

FOUR (4) TRAINING POSITIONS AVAILABLE WITH MAPLE LEAF HOMES (PENDING FUNDING)

Qualifications: Must have native status from Treaty 9 area.
Must be willing to work hard and work as a team.
Knowledge of building and carpentry maintenance

Duties: Installing/repairing doors, windows, and cupboards.
Ability to work with power tools and equipment in a safe manner.
To keep a daily log of tasks
Follow directions in regards to blue prints, or directions
Clean and maintain clean work areas
Perform other related duties as required

Duration: 26 weeks

Deadline: July 13, 2012

Please send cover letter and resume to:
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Attn: Maple Leaf Training
174B Highway 17 E
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Or by fax: 705-254-3292

METS SUMMER STUDENT APPLICATION

Pending Funding

Position: Office /Gathering Assistant

Rate: \$10.25 per hour

Duration: 8 weeks

Job Description:

Will assist with general office duties, answering phones, recording faxes and mail.
Assist with preparing items for the Annual Gathering e.g. making reservations, and assisting with registrations.

Qualifications:

In school and returning to school
At least 16 years of age
Computer skills
Ability to work as a team, as well as independently.

Deadline for Application: June 22, 2012

Please send resume and cover letter to:
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Attn: Summer Student Postings
174B Highway 17 E
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Or by fax: 705-254-3292

Opportunities for Youth

Summer Student Archival Researcher (Pending funding)

Rate: \$ 10.25 per hour

Duration: 8 weeks

Job description / duties:

Assist with the organization of the Shingwauk Residential School Survivors Reunion for August 2012.
Assist with learning how to store and archive historical items and arrange documented items.
Other duties as required

Qualifications:

In school and returning to school
At least 16 years of age
Ability to work as a team and also independently
Computer skills

Deadline for Application: June 22, 2012

Please send cover letter and resume to:

Missanabie Cree First Nation Attn: Summer Student Postings
174B Highway 17 E
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Or By fax: 705-254-3292

Summer Job Cultural Assistant (Pending funding)

Rate: \$10.25 per hour

Duration: 8 weeks

Job Description/ Duties:

Will assist with cultural and marketing activities for the Circle of Creative Arts.
Will assist with setting up displays and arranging activities for MCFN & Circle of Creative Arts.
Assisting with cultural displays
Setting up for Elders Teas & Craft Classes as well as other displays around town

Qualifications:

In school and returning to school
At least 16 years of age
Ability to work as a team and also independently
Computer skills

Deadline for Application: June 22, 2012

Please send resume and cover letter to:

Missanabie Cree First Nation Attn: Summer Student Postings
174B Highway 17 E
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1

Or By fax: 705-254-3292

MCFN Policy



Drug and Alcohol Policy – Zero Tolerance Missanabie Cree First Nation – JUNE 23, 2009

Introduction

The Missanabie Cree First Nation is a nation defined under the Indian Act. The community members give authority to the elected governing body known as Chief and Council. Substances identified as illicit drugs; prescription medication (not used under medical advice) and alcohol are known to have a detrimental impact on individuals, families, and the community.

The Missanabie Cree First Nation hosts an annual gathering in August each summer. Whereby, the community members, in assembly support the banning of the use of illicit drugs, and illicit use of prescription drugs and the use of alcohol during the time the community meets in assembly.

Action

The use of any illicit drugs (marijuana, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, etc.), illicit use of prescription drugs (oxycontin, percocets, Ritalin etc.), all forms of alcohol will be banned from the annual gathering located at the Island View Camp, Dog Lake, Ontario.

NOTE: substances listed is not complete list.

Each community member will be notified in newsletter articles beginning in the JUNE Bear Fax Newsletter each year until the gathering. Notice will be put on the website beginning in JUNE each year. Posters will be put up each year at the camp to indicate the zero tolerance for drug use and alcohol use, including consequences.

If it is proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a group or an individual is using drugs and/or alcohol or is intoxicated while on Island View Property, Chief and Council has the authority to ask those individuals or group to leave the property.

Steps:

1. Identify the individuals or group.
2. Chief and Council approach the individual or group. Under no circumstances shall a member of C& C ever do this task alone.
3. Chief and Council will read the policy and indicate that the policy states zero tolerance – no second chances for an offence.

4. Individual or group will be asked to leave the gathering as soon as possible. C&C will give a reasonable amount of time and monitor it until the individual or group has vacated the grounds.
5. If the individual or group is non cooperative, then the police service will be called to remove said individual or group from Island View property.
6. Missanabie Cree will not be responsible to pay for the individual or group to find their way home.
7. Ban from the current annual gathering will be final and the individual and or group will not be allowed back until the next annual gathering.
8. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Should the individual or group not leave when requested, the Nishnawbe Aski Police Services or if they are not available, the Ontario Provincial Police will be asked to remove the individuals or group as soon as possible.

The authority to remove those individuals or groups will be that they will be trespassing on community- owned property.

Special note

At no time will individuals be physically removed from the property unless by a police officer.

Nishnawbe Aski Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police will be notified of the policy of the Missanabie Cree and will be asked to assist the community to uphold the community directive.

Definitions

Reasonable doubt: to be proven – no rumours or innuendo alleging drug or alcohol use will be the basis for removing individuals and or groups from the annual gathering.

Drug and alcohol use on Camp property: the individual or group has been consuming drugs or alcohol in public places in clear view of others.

Intoxicated person(s): someone who clearly shows signs of chemical, drug or alcohol use

Safety of members: individuals who show signs of intoxication will not be allowed to operate a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Once they have sobered, they will be asked to leave the camp for the remainder of the Annual Gathering .

MCFN Membership

Ted Ouellet - Registration Administrator

174B Hwy 17East
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1
Phone: (705) 254-2702, Ex. 228 Fax: (705) 254-3292
Email; touellet@missanabiecree.com
Toll-free: 1-800-319-3001

If your name appears on the Birthday Greetings page incorrectly, please contact Ted Ouellet.

The following is a list of band members for whom we do not have a current mailing address:

Dorothy Bain (Bignucolo)	Daniel Rocheleau
Kaleb Jeffries	Iana Ruth
William Jeffries	Jayson Ruth
Jeremy MacDonald	Theresa Ruth
Allan McDonald	Catherine Wesley
Cynthia Nemeth	Juliana Holly Wesley
Craig W. Pelletier	Michael James Wesley
Natalie Pelletier	

Our **MISSING ADDRESS LIST** fluctuates as members move around and do not send in their new address. When a monthly newsletter is returned by the Post Office, the member's name will be deleted from the mailing list, until I/we receive their new address.

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 at the address noted above.

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.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Indian 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.

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MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM - - For Band Members

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

VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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