

# Missanabie Cree First Nation

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### CHIEF OF MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

**Jason Gauthier, BA (Hons)**

Watchey,

The hub visits have gone very well so far, we have discussed the inner workings of our company Missanabie Cree Limited Partnership, also know as Missanabie Cree Business Corporation.

We have also have the successful bidder on site putting up homes in Missanabie. We went through a bidding process that included several bidders and the only company to put in a complete bid as proposed in the Request for Proposal was Northern Shield. Although we had other bidders, their submissions were incomplete. We had recommendations from the Former Chief of Brunswick house First Nation for the Northern Shield bid. We are monitoring the construction and hope to have some homes built by the spring.

Lots of work has be done in Missanabie in the last few years, and it is our councils commitment to continue to invest in our Traditional lands.

In the spirit of community,  
Chief Jason Gauthier

Missanabie Cree First Nation .

### Band Administrator

**Shereena Campbell**

Greetings,

We are working towards setting up the move date for the office move. We are getting internet and staff are preparing items for the move. We will be hosting a grand opening in the New year for the site.

We held our staff retreat on September 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and many staff have expressed a positive outlook of the event. During the staff retreat we held team building activities and afternoon workshops facilitated by Patrick Kent. The workshops focused on communication, understanding personality types when communicating and practicing lateral kindness.

During October staff participated in decorating the Queen street office and the downtown



association's Trick and Treat Event over the weekend.

Missanabie Cree was one of the City of Sault Ste Marie's Halloween Spirit Awards.

<https://saultstemarie.ca/Services/Awards/Halloween-Spirit-Awards.aspx>

### BAND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Amber Lacrosse**

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I hope everyone had a happy thanksgiving and a spooky Halloween.

Last month a staff retreat was held at Island View Camp including yoga, massage/ reflexology, communication workshops, teambuilding activities, and practicing lateral kindness via gratefulness. It was good to see remote staff and connect with those we don't normally work with daily.

In the office I've learned more about the payroll system alongside my regular tasks like scheduling meetings, taking notes, and drafting documents.

Reminder that Remembrance day is a federal statutory holiday and staff be taking a day off in lieu the Friday before or Monday after.

### MCBC MANAGER

**Joe Tom Sayers BA (Hons)  
MPA**

**Hub Meetings** - Chief Gauthier and I presented our report to the Thunder Bay hub on October 3rd. Chi miigwech to

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the hub for a great meal and congratulations to the lucky draw winners! Our next hub sessions will be London on October 29 and Toronto October 30th.

**Evacuation Project** - The first of many modular units are arriving this month in Missanabie Reserve. There will be approximately 100 units arriving from Alberta and Manitoba over the course of the fall/winter.

**Belleville Affordable Housing** - The project will be taking tenants as soon as December 1 2023! This was accomplished with our partners Garden River First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Summers and Company <https://sagonaskaplace.com/>

**ISN Maskwa** - We submitted a proposal to the Long Plain First Nation to undertake the recovery of the missing Indigenous women that are allegedly buried in a landfill site near the city of Winnipeg Manitoba. With the election of the new Premier of Manitoba Wab Kinew, we expect the funding for the search to proceed once the new government is in place. We are already planning to support evacuations anticipated in the spring of 2024 and continue to deploy community support personnel into various First Nations that request our help.

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**MCBC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

**Brittany Macleran**

Hello MCFN Community members!  
Chief Gauthier and Joseph Sayers have completed the

Thunderbay hub tour - special thanks to Deb Ewing for helping coordinate! The London & Toronto Hub tours will be happening before the end of October. Keep an eye out for future hub tour dates in spring. We are in the home stretch of planning our 4th annual RUSH business networking event. The team at MCBC has been working on communication, sponsorships, coordinating and more.

The MCBC board will meet before the Christmas break to review our signed audits and work on the next MCBC Budget.

### **EDUCATION OFFICER**

**Gloria Harris**

Report to Bear Fax

From the desk of...Education Officer/Cultural Facilitator

Please go to the Missanabie Cree website

[www.missanabiecreefn.com](http://www.missanabiecreefn.com) and read more on Education, policies, and guidelines to become informed of our practices.

You must download the application package first to your computer before filling out. If you try to fill it out on the webpage, some numbers will not appear and makes your application void.

Here is the list of documents or information that are required require to bring your application forward:

- a) Written request indicating career and academic goals
- b) Transcripts and documents of previous education and/or

experience

- c) Letter of Acceptance from the institution where the students plan to attend
- d) Application for education assistance form – completed & signed. (on the webpage)
- e) Consent for Release of Information form – completed & signed. (on the webpage)
- f) Copy of status card – front and back
- g) Agreement of terms, Student Responsibilities – (completed & signed)
- h) If you have children- Copies of their birth certificate

It is preferred that you send your information in one package instead of one at a time. If there is anything missing and not received by May 15, 2024, your application **will not** be submitted for review and approval.

PDF's are the best format to use. If you are not familiar with this format, I strongly suggest as a new post secondary student that you learn this. Photocopies of photocopies and crumpled pages are not acceptable as sometimes the numbers are not clear, and I cannot do guess work or try to decipher imperfect pages.

Going to post secondary level of education takes good, honest effort, readiness for the change of pace from high school to a much larger and colder environment. Look for a solid support system to back you up in times of struggle with classes or overload

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of information. There is much to be learned and taking care of yourself in the process is vitally important to eat properly and get enough sleep.

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS: MAY 15.2024**  
5 PM DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME

## **CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTION COORDINATOR**

### **Adrian Perreault**

Aaniin wacheye everyone!

I hope you are enjoying fall so far.

I wanted to write a bit about my time in Montreal at the Adaptation Futures conference. The event brought together people from all over the world to learn about climate adaptation and share knowledge. I am very grateful I got to participate as the staff member from Missanabie Cree First Nation. Each session brought a wealth of knowledge, and I am going to reflect on some of the information I learned. The main points I heard throughout the conference were the importance of Indigenous knowledge, collaboration, urgency, and solutions. I have reflected on each topic in the following paragraphs.

#### Indigenous Knowledge

This topic was the center of many of the sessions I went to. It offers a holistic perspective, encouraging us to consider how we use resources and our



interconnectedness with the environment. The blending of traditional knowledge and Western science is essential for effective adaptation, communities are the ones who must lead the way, and others will follow. It was highlighted that losing land to climate change often means losing our language and culture piece by piece. Slowing down through ceremonies and reconnecting with the land and water are vital. Our sacred responsibility guides our stewardship actions, and self-sufficiency is key to responding to and preventing climate change. A First Nations climate lens, grounded in natural law, can guide our actions and address challenges.

#### Collaboration

Collaboration is one of the most important pieces I am taking away from the conference, because we need to work together with our different knowledge systems and backgrounds to have the best outcomes for our shared future. A reoccurring statement I heard during the conference was that the climate crisis is OUR crisis. We can no longer standby and watch it happen, we need to find solutions now, so the future generations that come after us will thrive.

#### Urgency

When it comes to climate change adaptation, we need to stop planning and start doing. Of course, that is easier said than done, but it is important to focus on tangible goals rather than just ideas. Climate adaptation demands action, urgent calls for climate action must be made into policies for effective implementation.

#### Solutions

Stop, repair, reclaim – heal the land and you will heal yourself. This statement meant a lot to me because to find real solutions for the climate crisis, we must stop what we are doing that is harming the land, air, and water. We need to work towards collaborative solutions, utilizing both local and external knowledge. One solution is not going to end climate change. If we come together and make meaningful adaptations, we can work towards a better future for the generations to come.

Key highlights that I think could be incorporated into a climate adaptation plan for Missanabie Cree First Nation are community monitoring, reconnection to the culture and language, elder and youth workshops, climate and mental health land camps, water, food, shelter and energy security, and other community-led solutions.

- Berry health monitoring
- Fish sampling and health monitoring
- Drought monitoring

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- Fire risk monitoring
- Air quality monitoring
- Monitoring for the timing of events like spawning or flowering
- Monitoring the number and health of culturally significant plants and animals
- Monitoring migration times and patterns

The most important next step is education and awareness. Advocating for climate policies and supporting renewable efforts essential. Transformative measures are needed to address the climate crisis and transition communities for a sustainable future. The knowledge systems that connect us, along with overcoming capacity, technology, and funding challenges, play a central role in our climate action efforts. Until we see

**FOR YOUR HEALTH // ASK THE PHARMACIST**

# Banishing the stigma

Treating mental health with openness and compassion

by LAWRENCE VARGA and JOSEPH HANNA





**Lawrence Varga**, B.Sc.Pharm., is assistant vice president of Costco Pharmacy.

**Joseph Hanna**, B.Sc.Pharm., CDE, BCGP, director of Costco Pharmacy, contributed to this column.

**A**s we are just coming off of World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10), and October contains both World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) and Invisible Disabilities Week (Oct. 15-21), this fall means it's time to talk about what we're often afraid to discuss, even though it affects so many of us. It is estimated that as many as half of all Canadians will have dealt with a mental condition, including depression, by the time they are 50 years old, so if it isn't you, it's certainly the person sitting next to you.

It's important to recognize the signs of depression, such as the person not wanting to do things they enjoyed previously, procrastinating, moving slowly, seeming distant, distracted, indecisive, disconnected, irritable, easily fatigued, and having frequent headaches or stomach pain, or drastic changes in sleep or weight.

When you see these changes in a friend, family member or co-worker, don't be afraid to talk about it and know that it will most likely feel awkward. You can start with, "I've noticed that you haven't seemed yourself lately. Is there anything going on that you're struggling with that you'd like to talk about?" Although many times the person will pretend to be OK, that caring question may give the person just enough hope to go on another day and maybe plant the seed in their mind to seek professional help.

Allowing someone to talk openly about their struggles without judgment or shame, and showing them empathy and compassion can be liberating and may empower them to get the help they need. Michael Landsberg's website, Sicknotweak.com, for example, allows for sharing of vulnerabilities and lived experience as a source of collective strength. We can all learn skills to help promote life, eliminate stigma and shame, and help someone who is struggling with dark, desperate thoughts. It's OK to not be OK. ■

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**Mental health**

According to a recent Mental Health Commission of Canada report, almost three-quarters of the annual 4,000 suicide deaths are men. Men are often not accustomed to talking about feelings. In particular, men may be afraid of being labelled weak, lazy or unintelligent and may handle mental anguish with harmful behaviours, such as substance or alcohol dependency.—LV

October 2023

## MEMO: Missinaibi Forest 2021-2031 FMP ✨ Block 599

To: Missanabie Cree First Nation

From: GreenFirst Forest Products on behalf of Missinaibi Forest Mgmt Inc.

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### Background

Block 599 is an approved harvest block in the current 2021-2031 Missinaibi Forest Management Plan located in Echum Township (OBMs 71533 & 72533). Every year, scheduled forest operations are identified in the Annual Work Schedule and shared with Indigenous communities for review prior to implementation.

### Original Harvest Plan

Harvest in the summer or fall while road construction to access other harvest blocks is underway, or when other blocks are too wet to harvest without causing site disturbance.

Keep this block as an option to harvest (any time of year) in the event that access or harvesting of another block is cancelled at the last minute to ensure delivery of logs can continue and support mill operations (avoiding shutdowns and layoffs).

### Rationale

*Block 599 is predominantly made up of upland jack pine, in amongst spruce, mixed conifer, and poplar stands. The soils at this location would allow harvest any time of the year, unlike lowland sites suitable for winter harvest (e.g. wet sites with a significant tamarack component).*

*Located right along Highway 651 (Dalton/Missanabie Hwy), this block can be easily and quickly accessed for harvest since there is minimal road construction required. Other operational considerations include the half-load restrictions that come on that highway in the spring, limiting floating of equipment to and from the job site, and also limiting the log haul at that time of year. Since it is not economical to only haul half a load of logs to the mill they avoid the area at that time.*

### Updated Harvest Plan (October 2023)

Based on discussions between Missanabie Cree and GreenFirst staff in January 2023, regardless of the year of harvest:

The original agreement reached remains in place, that being that winter harvest (i.e. 'on the frost') will take place in areas requiring protection (where values overlap exists – see map) and that summer harvest can occur elsewhere given the winter harvest takes place first. Similarly, mechanical site preparation could take place in areas not requiring protection.

All things considered, including trucking capacity, harvest timing has been delayed to at least winter of 2025.

### Rationale

*Making modifications that allow for harvest while mitigating negative impacts to protect identified values is a reasonable approach. GreenFirst, on behalf of MFMI, remains committed to sharing information and working with Indigenous communities, including Missanabie Cree First Nation. The agreed-upon prescriptions will be upheld.*



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## RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES



The MCFN Recreation and Activity Policy has been approved by Chief and Council.

MCFN Community members can receive up to \$1500/year for organized sport or recreational programs



The full policy is available on the 'Members Only' section of the website. For addition eligibility details please read the policy.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- REGISTRATION FEES
- MEMBERSHIP FEES
- EQUIPMENT SUCH AS UNIFORM, FOOTWEAR, SAFETY GEAR, ETC.

**FOR INQUIRIES ON THIS PROGRAM**

**PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY GAGNON:  
LGAGNON@MISSANABIECREE.COM**



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Form 1

Recreation, Activities, &amp; Sponsorship Policy

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### Missanabie Cree First Nation Recreation/ Activity /Sponsorship Request Form

SECTION 1: Applicant Details	
(Please note, the applicant is the person who will be enrolled in the activity)	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Band Number</b> (please provide the applicants registered number with Missanabie Cree First Nation or the band they are registered under, if the applicant does not have a band number, please provide the parents #, if the parent does not have a band # please state the reason why)	
<b>Band Name</b>	
<b>Parent(s) / Guardian Name(s)</b> (if applying for a child)	

Applicant Address & Contact Information	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City / Town</b>	
<b>Postal Code / Zip Code</b>	
<b>Province / State</b>	
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

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### SECTION 2: Parent or Guardian Address & Contact Information (if applicable)

The applicant's address is the same and the guardian / parent		Yes / No (if yes, then skip to section 3)	
Street Address			
City / Town			
Postal Code / Zip Code			
Province / State		Country	
Phone Number			
Email			

### SECTION 3: Activity / Recreation / Sponsorship Details

Name of Activity / Recreation			
Description of Activity / Recreation			
Name of Organization			
Address of Organization			
Contact Person			
Contact Phone #			
Email of Organization			
Date(s) of Activity			
Duration of Activity (eg. January to March 2023)			

**SECTION 4: Proposed Costs & Financing**

<b>Costs</b> (please attach quote, print out of activity costs, or bill and attach to this application)			
<b>Have you received funding assistance from other sources?</b> (Please Check One)		Yes _____	No _____
<b>If Yes, please provide date and amount received</b>			
<b>Name of organization funds received from</b>			
<b>Please Note:</b> Funding may be provided upon approval for up to \$1500.00 CAD per Individual, per funding year and is subject to change. For Sponsorship, please fill out this form and staff will forward the request to Chief and Council for consideration. If your activity or recreation exceeds the \$1500.00 CAD amount allotted, your request will be submitted to Chief and Council for consideration.			

**SECTION 5: Liability and Consent**

<b>The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge</b>		Yes / No	
<b>I give Missanabie Cree First Nation permission to contact the First Nation my child is registered to for information regarding services accessed in relation to activities and recreation.</b> (please note that marking no could result in delays in funding)		Yes / No	
<b>I understand and agree that while Missanabie Cree First Nation is providing funding for recreations and activities, I will not hold Missanabie Cree First Nation responsible, nor will I take legal action under any circumstance (i.e., injury etc.).</b>		Yes / No	
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**FOR OFFICE PURPOSES ONLY**

<b>Approved</b>	Yes / No	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Signature</b>
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## JOB POSTING

### ELDER CARE COORDINATOR

**Deadline: Until Filled**

REPORTS TO: FAMILY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

FULL-TIME/CONTRACT

#### SUMMARY:

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for an Elder care worker to provide a variety of non-medical services that allow seniors to remain in their homes.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Preferred diploma in Social Services or equivalent, or experience in community outreach, program delivery and coordination of events and activities.

Good interpersonal and communication skills

Experience and education working in caregiving, respite care or long term care homes

Personal Support Worker certification an asset

Ability to use Microsoft office programs, including email, word, and excel.

Current First Aid & CPR certification or willingness to obtain

Class "G" Drivers' License

CPIC with VSC is required upon job offer

#### DUTIES/REQUIREMENTS:

Assist with booking foot care appointments, coordinate transportation to appointments, make referrals where necessary

Advocate to service providers on behalf of elders

Work with nurse for diabetic care and check ups

Set up services such as meals on wheels, taxi, personal care, foot care, dentist, home cleaning services

Case and file management, Writing up care plans, Daily log forms, Registrations forms

Assisting with documentation/medical forms such as NIHB, travel grants, pension, wills

Complete and submit intake and request forms such as housing repair services, prescriptions, medical equipment.

Schedule home visits with elders, check in by phone or email to members nationwide, provide programming and information.

Administer the Elder healthy snack program

Other duties as required

#### WORKING CONDITIONS

Office environment

Sitting for long periods

Travel within the city

To apply for this position, please drop off your cover letter, resume and three (3) references:

By email to: [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com)

By Fax: 705-254-3292 (Attention: June Markie)

JOB POSTING**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER****Deadline: Until Filled**

REPORTS TO: FAMILY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

FULL-TIME/CONTRACT

Contract end date: March 31, 2024 (pending funding)

Missanabie Cree First Nation is looking for a Family Support Worker. This position will provide fair, equitable, respectful, and culturally relevant prevention services to Missanabie Cree First Nations children and families, consistent with the vision, mission and values of Kunuwanimano and Missanabie Cree First Nation. All duties must be performed in compliance with the Child and Family Service Act, Ministerial Guidelines, and agency policies and procedures.

**Qualifications:**

College/University in Social Work and/or Human Services diploma; Bachelor of Social Work would be preferred

A minimum of two (2) years' experience in social work and in working with/for a First Nation community and/or Indigenous people; other relevant training certificates and/or courses

Must have good communication skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills as well as maintaining confidentiality

Knowledge of the Child and Family Services Act with an emphasis on Part IV

Knowledge of local support services and agencies that focus on children and youth

Skilled in program development and implementation

Experience in case management, file maintenance and statistical reporting

Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Must have computer skills; knowledge of computer programs and other online communication platforms

Class G Driver's License

CPIC & VULNERABLE PERSONS CHECK REQUIRED (required upon job offer)

**Duties/Requirements:**

Conduct intake and assessment procedures to ensure the community members needs are directed to the proper channel;

Intervenes in Child Welfare crisis situations where risk to children exists and initiates timely response to ensure the safety of the child;

Provide supports and advocacy to Missanabie Cree families involved with any child welfare agency;

Be available with planning meeting and child welfare matters;

Ensure the Family Services Supervisor and Band Representative are aware of all on-going cases;

Ensure all documents are continuously up-to-date. (i.e. client files, case notes, and other pertinent documents);

Complete monthly stats and reporting for Kunuwanimano;

Participates with relevant communities to explore service options and strategies to address issues affecting First Nations children and families;

Provide ongoing prevention services to children and their families to an assigned caseload of both voluntary and non-voluntary clients

Develop database of Missanabie Cree community members with children;

Deliver awareness/prevention programs that are geared to the needs of the community(ies);

Develop prevention focused programs and support groups for families of children living with different disorder spectrums;

Collaborate program delivery with agency resources such as: Community Living Algoma, Autism Foundation, Children's Rehab Centre;

Create educational sessions for parents and/or guardians that focus on circle of security parenting and developmental milestone of children;

Develop sport activities and healthy living programs for children 0-6 years of age;

Attend work related training sessions, workshops, and meetings as requested by the Family Services Supervisor;

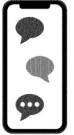
Perform other duties as required

To apply for this position, please email your cover letter, resume to June Markie at: [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com)





## NAN HOPE



Nishnawbe Aski Mental Health and Addictions Support Access Program

**We're here for you 24/7**

1-844-NAN-HOPE  
(1-844-626-4673)

The Nishnawbe Aski Mental Health Wellness Support Access Program (NAN Hope) provides community-driven, culturally appropriate and timely mental health and addictions support to members of the 49 First Nations communities in Nishnawbe Aski region.

This First Nation-led program is in response to the specific mental health needs of community members in northern Ontario, offering a central access point to mental health and addictions support.

### Program Services:



Navigation to mental health and addictions support services



Rapid access to clinical and mental health counselling



24/7 toll-free rapid access to confidential crisis services

Phone | Text\* | Chat\*

[www.nanhope.ca](http://www.nanhope.ca)

\*Text and Live Chat support are available Monday through Friday: 8:00am - 12:00am ET and Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 11:00pm ET.

## Need a Helpline?

Toll Free Helplines for Northern Ontario

- Children
- Youth
- Adults



### Support & Information Lines

- Kids Help Phone  
☎ 1.800.668.6868  
🕒 24 Hours
- Operation Come Home  
☎ 1.800.668.4663  
🕒 8am - 4pm EST (Mon-Fri)
- MissingKids.ca  
☎ 1.800.KID.TIPS  
☎ 1.800.543.8477
- Assaulted Women's Helpline  
☎ 1.866.863.7868  
TTY  
☎ 1.866.863.7868
- Victim Support Line  
☎ 1.888.579.2888  
🕒 24 Hours
- Senior Safety Line  
☎ 1.866.299.1011
- Good2Talk (Post Secondary Helpline)  
☎ 1.866.925.5454
- LGBT Youth Line  
☎ 1.800.268.9688

**211**

When you don't know where to turn

Connects you to health, community, government & social services.  
🕒 24 Hours

### Mental Health & Addictions

- First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Line  
☎ 1.855.242.3310  
🕒 24 Hours
- Mental Health Service Information Ontario  
☎ 1.866.531.2600  
🕒 24 Hours
- Drug & Alcohol Information Line  
☎ 1.800.565.8603  
🕒 24 Hours
- Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline  
☎ 1.888.230.3505  
🕒 24 Hours
- Al-Anon - Alateen  
☎ 1.888.425.2666  
🕒 8am - 6pm EST (Mon-Fri)
- Talk4Healing  
☎ 1.855.554.HEAL (4325)

### Health

- AIDS & Sexual Health Information Line  
☎ 1.800.668.2437  
🕒 10am - 10:30am EST (Mon-Fri)  
🕒 11am - 3pm EST (Sat & Sun)
- Telehealth Ontario (Health Information Line)  
☎ 1.866.797.0000  
🕒 24 Hours

# Community News, Notes, & Stories

Happy Birthday to my daughter in-law  
Lori  
Love You  
Your Mother in-law  
June



Happy Birthday to my daughter in-law  
Jen  
Love you  
Your Mother in-law  
June



Happy Birthday too all who are celebrating July Birthdays  
From the desk of June Markie/  
MCFN



Happy Belated Birthday to my Grandson Devin  
Love you,  
Nanny June



Happy Birthday to all November birthdays  
From the Desk of  
June markie

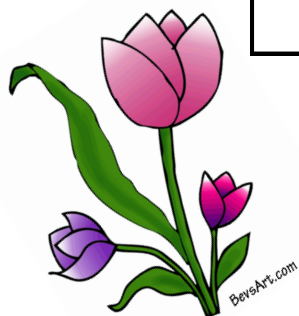


**Share Your  
Stories &**

**Accomplishments**

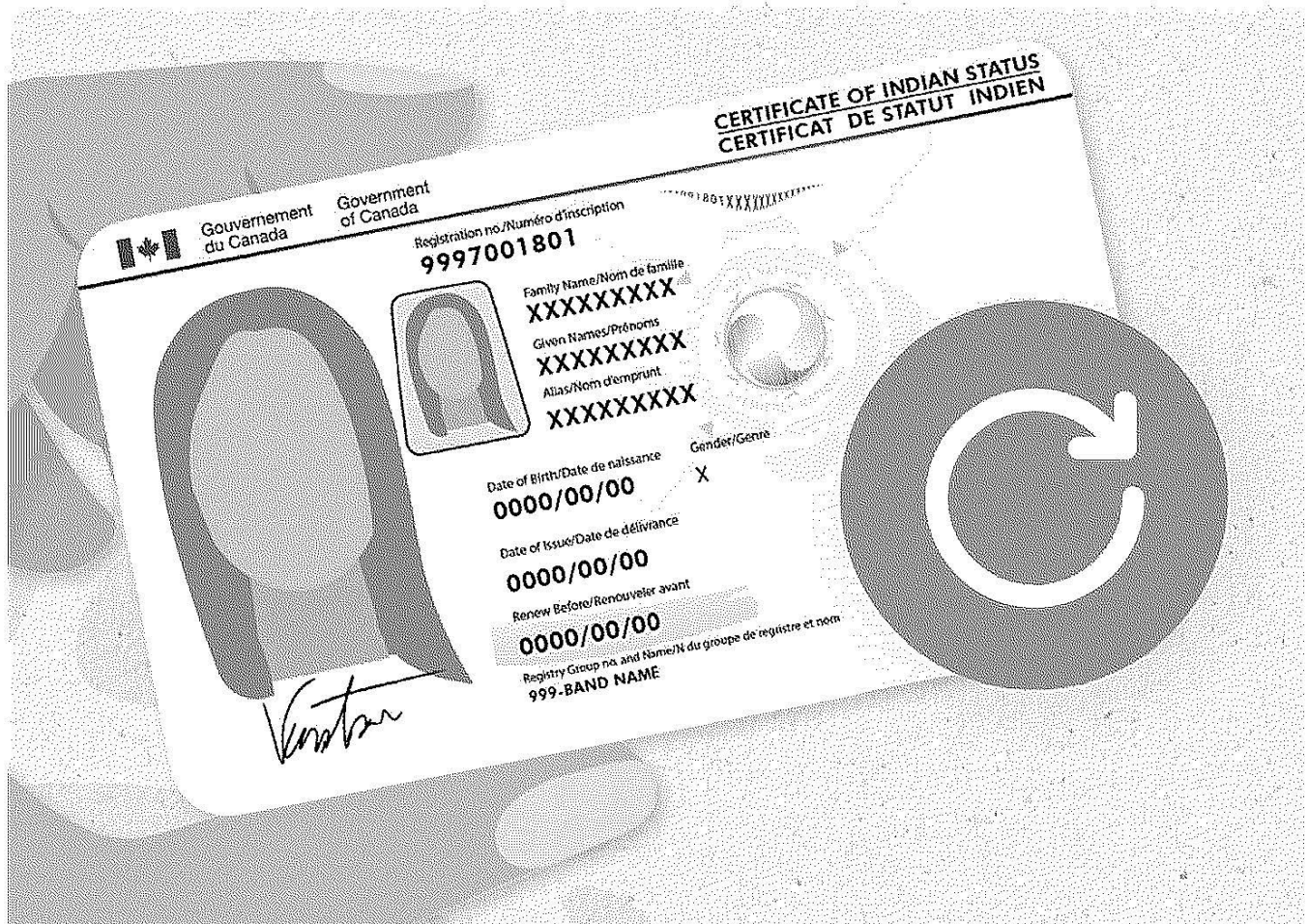
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BEAFAX@MISSANABIECREE.COM





# Status Card Renewal



Has your status card expired? Looking to renew?

Renewing your status card makes it easier to access programs and services.

Take your own photo when applying for a status card and submit it straight from your smart phone free of charge using the SCIS Photo App. Submit your application through the mail, or by visiting any regional or First Nation office.

Renewal processing take 8-12 weeks, so don't delay, renew today!

Learn how.

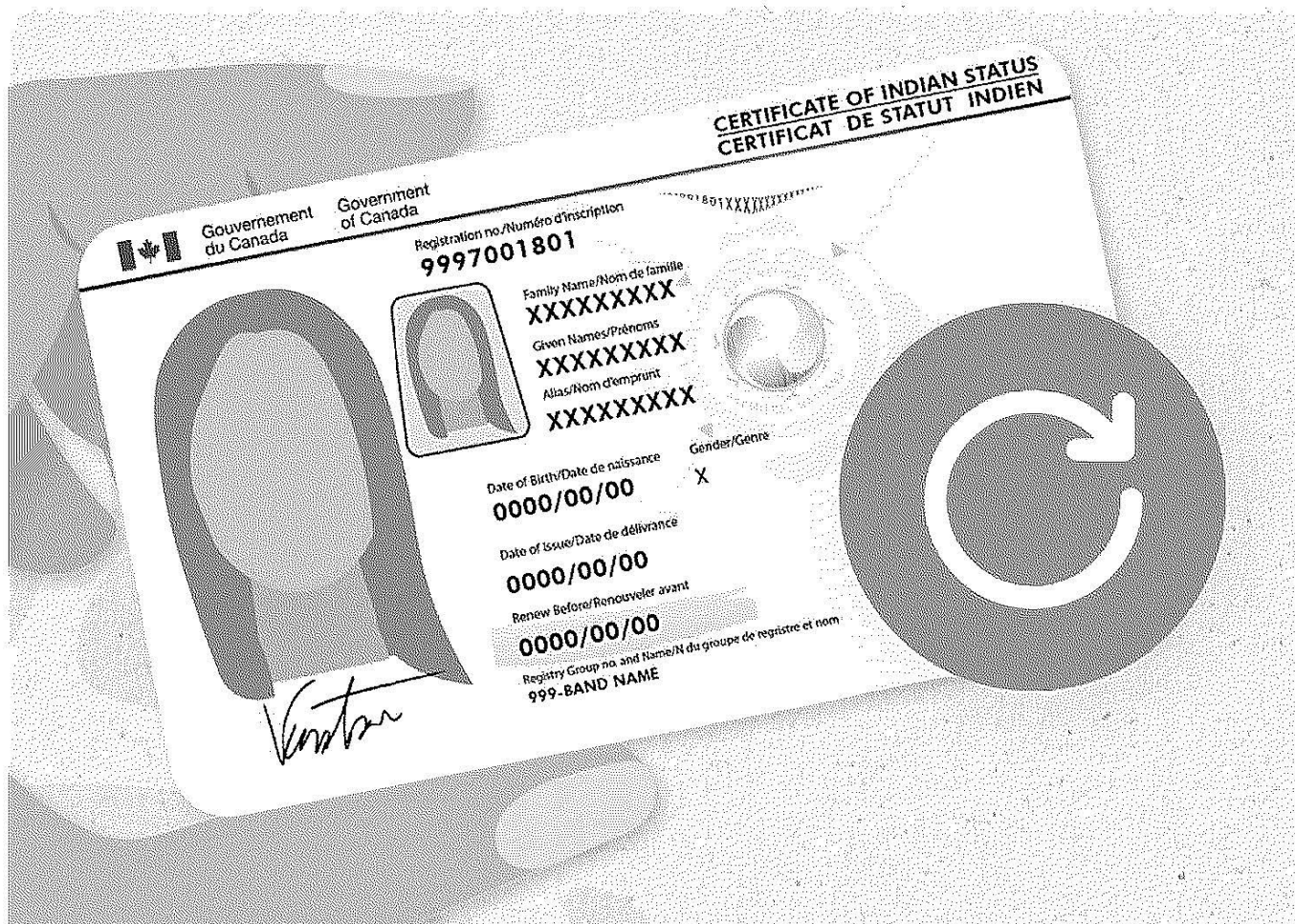
For more information, we invite you to visit:

[GotoInfo.ca/Status-Card](https://GotoInfo.ca/Status-Card)





## Renouveler de la carte de statut



Votre carte de statut a expiré ? Vous cherchez à la renouveler ?

Le renouvellement de votre carte de statut vous permet d'accéder plus facilement aux programmes et services.

Prenez votre propre photo lorsque vous demandez une carte de statut et soumettez-la directement à partir de votre téléphone intelligent, gratuitement, en utilisant l'application photo du CSSI. Soumettez votre demande par la poste ou en vous rendant dans n'importe quel bureau régional ou des Premières nations.

Le traitement du renouvellement prend 8 à 12 semaines, alors ne tardez pas, renouvelez dès aujourd'hui !

Apprenez comment.

Pour plus d'informations, nous vous invitons à visiter le site :  
[obtenezinfo-enligne.ca/carte-statut](https://obtenezinfo-enligne.ca/carte-statut)



## MCFN Membership - Card Renewals

**In Office Card Renewals:** *For Members only and will be by appointment only. Please call ahead and book through June - In house photos are available for laminated cards only.*

If your card is expired and you need a temporary confirmation of status, you can call (1) 844-280-5011 to make this request. INAC offices have posted the following :

**Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application Centre:**

**COVID-19-related office closure:** All Indigenous Services Canada offices for Indian status and secure status card applications will be closed until further notice due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

To support national efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Enquiries Contact Centre is temporarily providing services via e-mail only. An agent will respond to your request as soon as possible. We are prioritizing requests based on their urgency. Updates on the status of an application for Indian Status cannot be provided at this time.

**Email:** [InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](mailto:InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca)

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Updating Addresses.:** Members, please keep your address up-to-date so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business. Please use the form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation. You may also call the Band Office or email June Markie at [jmarkie@missanabiecree.com](mailto:jmarkie@missanabiecree.com).

**Please Note:** A Change of address Can Only be processed with information provided by the individual involved, not from anyone else.

**Deceased Members:** 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 Shereena or Louise at the MCFN Band Office.





# November Birthday Greetings




*Happy Birthday!*




Taynia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY




Tonya

*Happy Birthday!*




Zachary

*Happy Birthday!*




Stephen

*Happy Birthday*




Darian  
James

*Happy Birthday!*



Cory

*Happy Birthday*



John Jr.  
Madden

*Happy Birthday!*



Brianne Mae  
Lisa

*Happy Birthday!*



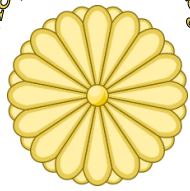
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Laura-Lee  
Pamela Leah

*Happy Birthday!*




Maverick

*Happy Birthday*




Elliot  
Lena Mae

*Happy Birthday*



Debra  
Baileigh

*Happy Birthday!*



Darryl  
Catharine

*Happy Birthday!*



Dieter

*Happy Birthday!*




David

*Happy Birthday!*



Connor  
Marina

*Happy Birthday!*



Richard

*Happy Birthday!*



Michael

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## VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Iliiwak;  
whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body  
that will determine our destiny guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

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 other Indigenous Peoples; 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.

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 Omushkego of the Missanabie Cree Iliiwak;  
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.

## VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

### Vision Statement Cree

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# VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

## Vision Statement Cree Syllabics

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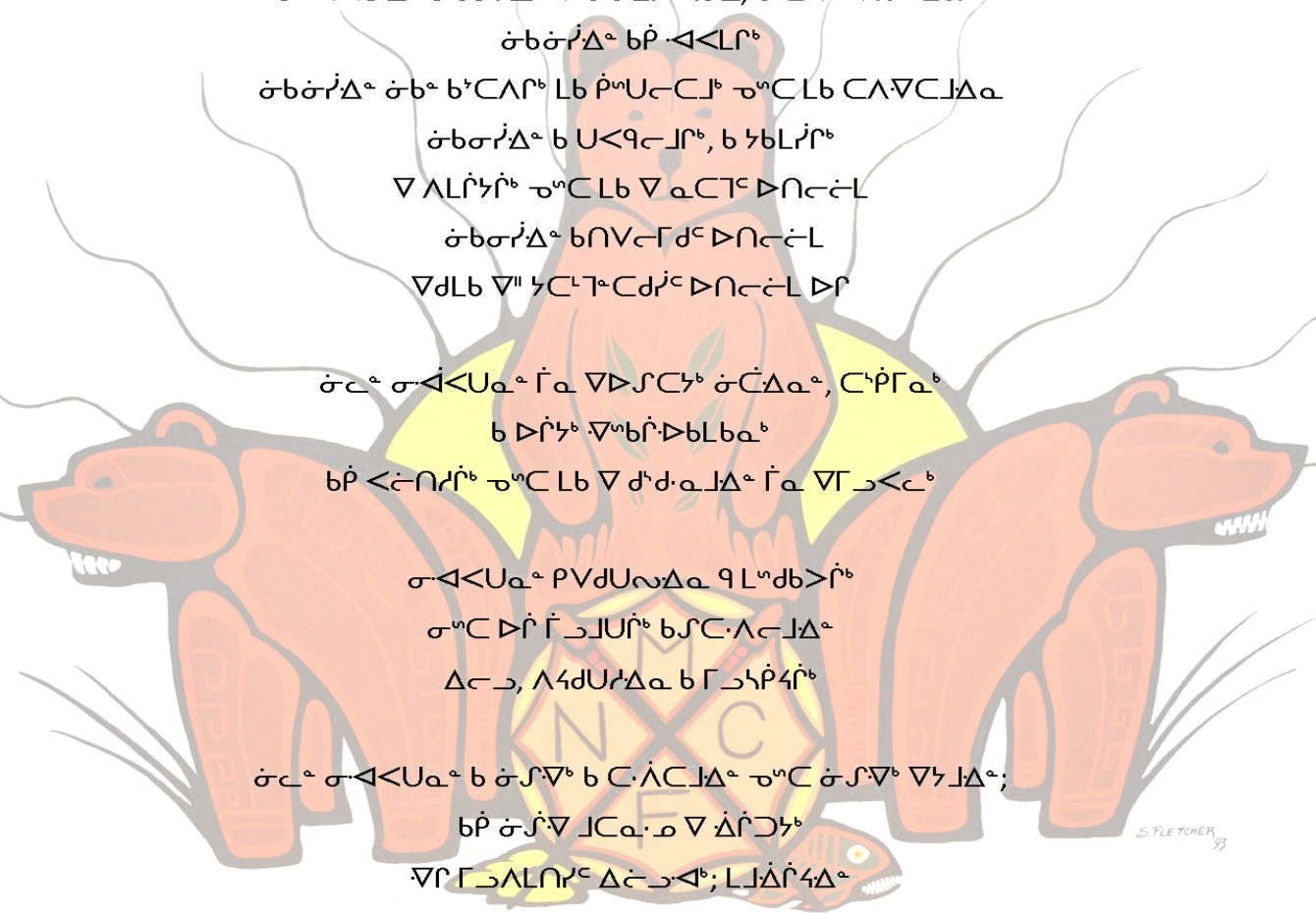
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