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Monday, July 1st Canada Day

Council Meetings

Tuesday, July 2nd 7pm - Garden Village

Tuesday, August 6th 7pm - Duchesnay

Submit agenda items by 4pm on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting to: Freda Martel, Director of Administration, by email to <u>fredam@nfn.ca</u>.



ENKAMGAK

Translation from Anishinaabemwin: "The Happenings" or "What is Going on?"

Celebrating Nbisiing Nishnaabeg

Summer Solstice centred on culture and community

On June 21st, we celebrated Nbisiing Summer Solstice, also known as National Indigenous Peoples Day, in Garden Village. Approximately 250 community members and guests enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere on the grounds and various activities throughout the day, which began with a community grand entry and included an honour song and gifting of shawls and vests to cancer survivors.

The Culture & Heritage department coordinated 2 cultural teachings: Nbisiing Clans with Larry McLeod Shabogesic, and a Sweat Lodge Teaching and build, with Mike Couchie that was followed by an evening sweat.

Attendees had an opportunity to visit our archaeological display, taste some traditional medicines and learn from Laurie Shabogesic; you could visit Dr. Jenny Kay Dupuis and discuss her book "I Am Not a Number", which will be released in Nishnaabemwin this September thanks to the translation assistance provided by Geraldine McLeod, Tory Fisher and Muriel Sawyer.

Some of the other attractions included two cultural arts workshops (making copper water necklaces or beaded pop sockets); a moose target game; sampling sucker patties; making bannoc on a stick; and tree sapling planting.

Miigwech to Harry Goulais who generously agreed to roast a gookoosh (pig) and to everyone who contributed salads and desserts for this community feast. It was a great day to celebrate being Nbisiing Nishnaabeg!

Miigwech to everyone who came to celebrate Nbisiing Nation with us, and to everyone who helped make our celebrations a success.



Jocko Point Flood Recovery Plans

Four dates scheduled to help residents clean up sand & leaf bags

As of June 25th, the lake level had dropped to 196.17m, finally below the maximum nondamage level of 196.22m but still well above the summer operating level of 195.95m. Lake levels are expected to continue to decline at a rate of approximately 1-2cm per day.

Lake Nipissing levels remain vulnerable to significant rain events and strong winds, but with levels dropping, Jocko Point residents are anxious to clean up. Some residents have begun cleaning up unneeded sand bags and debris that washed ashore.

To assist these efforts, NFN coordinated four clean-up dates where Public Works staff will collect natural debris (leaf bags) and sand bags at the roadside. However, residents were strongly encouraged to *reuse* sandbags to build up their properties, or to coordinate with other neighbours in low-lying areas who could use them. A temporary dumping site for sand bags, natural and wood debris has also been created near the Fire Hall bridge. *Clean-Up Dates were scheduled for June 26 & 27 and July 3 & 4 in affected areas only.*

A community update meeting was held on June 19th in Jocko Point with Chief McLeod in attendance, along with NFN's Emergency Services Manager, Environmental Health Officer, Facilities Manager, Communications Officer and a representative from the Canadian Red Cross. Residents were provided with resources and advice on cleaning up after a flood, as well as important safety measures related flooded wells and septic systems.

All inquiries and requests for assistance should be directed to:

Melvin McLeod, Emergency Services Manager 705-493-6508 | <u>melvinm@nfn.ca</u>

Our website continues to be updated regularly with the latest information and resources to support Jocko Point residents through the flood recovery process. Visit <u>nfn.ca</u> for details.



Miigwech Thank You / Merci

to all of the generous volunteers & donors who have supported Jocko Point during the flooding

Volunteers/Services

Alouette Bus Lines Canadian Angel Network Hydro One Knights of Columbus MNRF Fire Ranger Crews NFN Volunteer Firefighters

Corporate Donors

17-Hour Convenience **Brown's Moving** Flat Rate Towing & Recovery FreshCo Get it Done Roofing Jocko Point Fish & Chips Kate's Country Kitchen Knights of Columbus **Miller North Bay** Mr. Sub Sturgeon Falls No Frills (Lakeshore) North Bay Rentals Orchard's Parker's Independent Pepsi Cola Canada **Roléo Seguin** Sobeys North Bay **Toppers Pizza**

<u>Schools</u>

Franco Cité Jeunesse Active **Northern** Résurrection St. Joseph

We sincerely apologize to anyone we've missed - your kindness and contributions are greatly appreciated (but hard to keep track of with the outpouring of generosity). Miigwech for your support!

UPDATES



Highlights from the Chief's Calendar

July 2: NFN Council Mtg (Garden Village)

July 4: Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Annual General Meeting (Toronto)

July 23-25: Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly (Fredericton, NB) <u>Click to view agenda</u>

July 30 - August 1: Anishinabek Police Service / Police Governing Authority 25th Anniversary Meeting (Sault Ste. Marie)

Chief's Video Update Series

Watch the latest video in the series on our YouTube channel: June 2019

and on Facebook: Giima Zoongawbwi Chief Scott McLeod



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Cannabis Law Update: NFN's Cannabis Law was scheduled to be enacted on Tuesday, June 18th but the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, therefore enactment is deferred to the July 2nd meeting (if the law is approved by a quorum of Council).

* IMPORTANT NOTE * NFN's Cannabis Law may be *enacted*, but it will <u>not be "in force"</u> until there is an agreement with the government that ensures NFN has access to an inspected and safe cannabis supply for any retail stores that we allow on reserve. Once that agreement is in place, a Band Council Resolution (BCR) may be passed proclaiming the NFN Cannabis Law in force and allowing NFN to issue retail licenses.

Miller Nipissing Partnership: The paperwork is done and we are preparing to break ground on the Duchesnay Creek Bridge replacement project on August 19th.

NFN will have a 51% stake in this \$12 million joint venture project with Miller that will create jobs and build capacity while addressing critical infrastructure. Anyone interested in working on the project should contact the NFN Employment & Training office to add your name to the list. Contact Tom Lambert at 705-753-6985 or <u>thomasl@nfn.ca</u>.

Work begins this August with project completion slated for fall 2020.

Seniors' Supportive Housing: We are pleased that Cassellholme has received funding to proceed with creating 16 new long-term care beds designated for Indigenous Elders. NFN is also proceeding with plans to build assisted living units in Duchesnay and Garden Village to provide a continuum of care within the community for our elders. Watch for more details as we finalize plans and share them with the community.

Gimaa Zoongawbwi Chief Scott McLeod

Attended a funding announcement this morning at Cassellholme in North Bay that will see 16 new long-term care beds designated specifically for our Indigenous Elders, G'chi miigwech to Kimberly Lalonde and Dwayne Naskawa for making this happen. As an added bonus I got to spend time with this sweet lady!!



Gimaa Zoongawbwi Chief Scott McLeod updated their profile picture. June 22 at 1:32 PM · O

Holding our future in my hands 🝯



With Claire Goulais in photo on the left, and with Maximus Migizi Dokis in photo above.

Garden Village Water Line Emergency

Staff worked through the day and night to complete repair work

NFN Public Works and Water staff repaired a water line leak at the corner of Ted Commanda Drive and Ojeek Road in Garden Village on Saturday, June 8th. The scope of this emergency repair work to the distribution system required staff to cut into the main line to complete the repairs. As a result, a temporary drinking water advisory was issued for Paul Avenue residents to mitigate any risks associated with water contamination.



Illegal Dumping Remains an Issue

Illegal dumping is a serious environmental issue and is strictly prohibited on any property within Nipissing First Nation, including rail beds. Please notify us with any information (vehicle/driver description, plate #, items in trailer/truck) if you witness this illegal activity occurring. **All tips are confidential** and can be reported to Patrick Stevens at 705-753-2050 ext. 1220 or by email to <u>patricks@nfn.ca</u>.

Beautification and Lawn Care Crews

Since the hiring of our team, we have assisted with the flood and various tasks. Our lawn care team is in full swing taking care of lawns for our seniors while our beautification crew has been brushing and cleaning up the ditches, as well as maintaining cemeteries. Both crews helped set up and clean up for Summer Solstice celebrations, and are taking good care of our community playgrounds. There's much more to come over this season!

Inquiries should be directed to: Garry Leblanc, Beautification Supervisor at 705-753-2050 or <u>Garry.Leblanc@nfn.ca</u>, or to Courtney Commanda, Beautification Clerk, at 705-753-2050 ext. 1262 or <u>beautificationclerk@nfn.ca</u>.





Expect Delays on highway 17 until August 31 for rehabilitation & bridge replacements.



Please Pick Up after your pet!

Please be courteous to other community members and pick up after your dog. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community, workers who maintain community areas, as well as other pets.

By being a responsible pet owner, you can contribute to the beautification of our community and help eliminate this nuisance so that all community members can enjoy public areas.

Miigwech for your cooperation.

UPDATES



Giyak Moseng (Right Path) Office Move

All clinical services of Giyak Moseng - The Right Path Counselling & Prevention Services have officially moved to 316 Ted Commanda Drive.

Our new office location houses adult and child and youth mental health and addictions services, Wiidooktaadyang and our new Culturally Based Community Withdrawal Management Programs. Having all of our clinical services under one roof will better meet the needs of our members. Our contact number remains the same 705 753-1375.



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Duchesnay Daycare & Community Hall Update Project expected to be completed in August

Site grading continues within the parking area, with the north and west end of the site being completed. Foundations have been poured for heating and air conditioning units and the majority of ductwork has been completed within the daycare side.

Interior wall framing is near complete and the electrical rough-in within the daycare space is done and ready for inspection prior to closing up the walls. Fencing posts enclosing the daycare play yard areas have been installed. The building is progressing well with no major issues to date; project completion is targeted for August 2019.



Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement Community Ratification Vote in the Fall

What is the Governance Agreement?

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement ("ANGA") is an agreement between the Anishinabek Nation, on behalf of member First Nations, and Canada that recognizes the power of the First Nations who ratify the ANGA to pass their own election laws, citizenship laws, language and culture laws and financial administration type laws.

Why a self-government agreement?

A self-government agreement provides formal recognition by Canada of our inherent right to pass these types of laws; otherwise, our alternative is to fight in court for the recognition of these types of laws. That kind of recognition is time consuming and expensive and there is no guarantee that courts will rule in our favour on these matters. The self-government agreement also provides more funding needed to exercise these law making powers.

What laws are recognized under the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement?

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement covers four areas: Leadership Selection (Elections); Citizenship; Language and Culture; Operation and Management of Government.

Although Nipissing has already done a lot of work in all of these areas, the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement represents an important step out from under the *Indian Act*.

First Nations who ratify the proposed *Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement* will have the power to enact laws on how they wish to manage elections and govern operations, who their citizens will be and how they want to protect and promote the Anishinaabe language and culture. Fiscal transfers will be increased to cover the costs of these new responsibilities. Please visit <u>www.governancevote.ca</u> for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Watch our Website & Facebook Pages for Current Postings

The following employment opportunities are currently available with Nipissing First Nation. To view the complete job posting, click on the position titles below, visit www.nfn.ca/jobs, or call the office at 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail, fax or email.

Native Child Welfare Program - Prevention Worker (3rd Round) Permanent Full-Time with Benefits - Apply by Friday, July 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Public Works - Heavy Equipment Operator <u>4 Month Contract</u> - Apply by Friday, July 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Health Services - Recreation Activator Maternity Leave Contract - Apply by Friday, July 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Home & Community Care Nurse (2nd Round) Permanent Full-Time with Benefits - Apply by Friday, July 19th at 4:30 p.m.

North Bay Indigenous Hub - Nurse Practitioner (RN-EC) - Open to All Applicants

Full-Time Position - Apply by Friday, July 31st at 4:30 p.m.

APPLYING FOR A JOB AT NFN:

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume with three (3) current references no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date specified to:

Jennifer Lalonde, HR Manager Nipissing First Nation 36 Semo Road, Garden Village, ON P2B 3K2 Fax: (705) 753-0207 Email: resumes@nfn.ca

Miigwech to all applicants for their interest; however, only those who qualify for an interview will be contacted.

Nipissing First Nation gives preference to *First Nation applicants for any employment* opportunities as per Section 24(1)(a) OHRC.

Looking for a summer job?

years old? The Youth Job Connection (YJC) Summer

Program provides for up to 9 weeks training and employment that includes:

Are you between 15 and 18

Please submit a cover letter and resume before the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

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For more information or to register, please contact Yes Employment Services.



Space is limited!

Register today!







NFN Jobs & Training





Stay Connected with Us - Please visit our website <u>www.nbisiing.com</u> or <u>Nbisiing Secondary School Facebook</u> <u>page</u> for our calendar of events and other school-related information, or call (705) 497-9938 for more information.

Class of 2019



Allen BoisonneauKai CorJulieanna lahtailKelseyElizabeth McBrideMelcolKameryn PorterKyle PoMallory Tepiscum-Bainbridge

Kai Commanda Kelsey John-George Melcolm Mcleod-Penasse Kyle Poucachiche Joshua Hallett Sierra Laforge Jack Monette Robert Poucachiche

Rachel Hardisty Shanel Lazarus Amy Noah Donovan Rich Jayden Howards Cedar Maybee Patience Polson Shane Wesley

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Mary Caroline Aubertin Award - Donovan Rich The Davis Armstrong Memorial Award - Julianna lahtail The Cree Leadership Award - Julianna lahtail The Cooperative Education Award - Jayden Howards The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Award - Jayden Howards The Donna Marion Attendance Award - Jayden Howards YES Employment Bursary - Jayden Howards The Most Improved Student Award - Kyle Poucachiche The Ojibwe Award - Mallory Tepiscum Bainbridge The Woman of Strength Award - Patience Polson Volunteer Hours Award - Kai Commanda The Ephraim & Barbara Couchie Memorial Award - Joshua Hallett

The Brian Hansen Staff Award - Rob Poucachiche The Ralph Beaucage Award - Rob Poucachiche The Modern College Award - Amy Noah The IODE Dr Derbert A. Bruce Chapter Citizenship Award -Allen Boisonneau The Dual Credit Award - Cedar Maybee The Canadore College Award - Cedar Maybee, Jack Monette The Fred Couchie Memorial Award - Jack Monette The George Hutul Award - Jack Monette Grade 12 University Highest Mark Award - Jack Monette The Governor General's Academic Medal of Honour - Jack Monette



Gichi-piitendmigoom (congratulations!)

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EDUCATION



Friendly reminder re: Student Consent Forms

In April, the Education mailed consent form packages to all Nipissing First Nation AES students and parents, living on-reserve and off-reserve.

The packages contained information about the purpose for the consents and explained how student information and data will be used by AES. **The consent form must be returned to the Education department as soon as possible.**

Please contact the Education department 705-753-6995 for further information, or to request another consent form if needed.

Who will have access to student data and information? FIRST LOCAL KEB NATION & SCHOOL & SCHOOL & ONTARIO

How will student data and information be used by the Anishinabek Education System and Ontario?

The Data and Information Sharing Agreement signed between the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) and Ontario indicates that student data and information will only be used to further the objectives of the Master Education Agreement (MEA). Under this agreement, AES student information may be used for the following purposes:

- Solution to support Anishinabek student success and well-being;
- to support continous improvement in education effectiveness;
- to inform ongoing system and school-level planning;
- to inform priorities for professional learning;
- to prepare public reports in accordance with the Master Education Agreement;
- to support research, as described in the Master Education Agreement;
- So to support evaluation and monitoring activities;
- to inform the development of the Multi-Year Action Plan and the Transfer Payment Agreement, as described in the MEA;
- to meet multi-level reporting requirements under the MEA;
- Solution to support activities under the Multi-Year Action Plan; and
- other purposes agreed to in writing by the Parties.

Why is it important to provide consent? What are the benefits?

Benefit to Students

- Individual student records will be accessible through the KEB and Ontario.
- Inclusive statistical data will consistently reflect on-reserve and off-reserve students.
- Fluid transition of records for students moving between provincial and Anishinabek education systems.



Benefit to AES Schools and Communities

- Supports the continued development and delivery of quality education programs and services in AES schools.
- Allows communities and schools to capture accurate educational statistics for on and off-reserve students.
- Enables educators to customize professional development and learning.



Benefit to AES/KEB and Ontario

- Assists in identifying needs and priorities of off-reserve AES students in the provincial school system.
- Aides in the development of Education Services Agreements between AES First Nations and Ontario District School Boards.
- Promotes educational research to support student success and well-being.

JULY EVENTS

	Baby & Me Social Drop-In - Tuesdays, 9am - 12pm & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin (Library) We discuss topics such as healthy child development & parent/child attachment. Transportation & snacks provided. For more information & transportation registration, contact Katie at 705-753-2050 x 1325 / katielenfn.ca
ó	28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Saturday, July 6, 10:30am Shotgun Start © Osprey Links Golf Club, Callander Registration at 9am. \$120 per person, \$480 per team. <i>Register online @ http://tiny.cc/nfngolf2019</i>
10	Community Clean Up - Wednesday, July 10, 10am - 3pm & Garden Village & Jocko Point Ages 13 – 24. Lunch & snack provided. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For more information, contact Katle at 705-755-2050 & 1523 / katielenfn.ca
10	Diners' Club - Wednesday, July 10, 11am - 1pm @ NFN Gym Celebrating our elders with a luncheon every second Wednesday of the month. For more Information, please contact the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre at 705-755-5512
Ü	Strawberry Picking - Thursday, July 11, 12pm - 3pm & Leisure Farms Ages 13 – 18. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For mare information, contact Katie at 705-753-2050 x 1323 / katielenfn.ca
12	Galaxy Cinema Movies - Friday, July 12, 11am - 4pm Ages 13 - 18. Transportation, admission, and snacks provided. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For more information, contact Katie at 705-753-2050 x 1323 / katielenfn.ca
7	Community Clean Up - Wednesday, July 17, 10am - 3pm & Beaucage, Yellek, & Duchesnay Ages 13 - 24. Lunch & snack provided. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For more information, contact Katie at 705-753-2050 x 1323 / katielenfn.ca
13	Hike & Sturgeon River House Museum - Thursday, July 18, 11am - 3pm Ages 13 - 24. Transportation, lunch, & snack provided. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For more Information, contact Katle at 705-753-2050 * 1323 / katielenfn.ca
19	Urban Air in Sudbury - Friday, July 19, 11am - 4pm Ages 13 – 24. Transportation, admission, & lunch provided. Hosted by Native Child Welfare Prevention & Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin. For more information, contact Katie at 705-753-2050 x 1323 / katielenfn.ca
24	Infant CPR & Baby First Aid Workshop - Wednesday, July 24, 10am - 12pm @ NFN Gym Gain knowledge in CPR, choking, allergies & anaphylaxis, bleeding, seizures, & more! Great for parents, grandparents, & caregivers. Transportation available. <i>Register with Misty before July 18th at</i> 705-755-3312 x 2227
31	Youth Learning to Cook Fish Fry - Wednesday, July 31, 11am - 3pm @ NFN Courtyard/Fire P Ages 13 - 24. For more information, contact Katle at 705-753-2050 x 1323 / katiel@nfn.ca
	Come Out & Learn the Fundamentals of Baseball Starting on July 8 th : Every Monday from 6pm-8pm at the Garden Village Baseball Field
and the	reminder: for every NCW event you attend your name gets put into a monthly draw ***

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Family/Youth Day Trip Toronto Zoo

Wednesday July 17th, 2019

Band Office Departure: Wednesday @ 7:00am Return Departure time: Approximately 10:00pm

What is included?

- Admission to Zoo
- Charter Bus Transportation
- Zoomobile Day Pass
- Dinner at Uncle Bob's Country

What to Bring?

- Spending money (Gift shop)
- Lunch (reusable containers)
- Refillable water bottle
- Towel & Swimsuit for Splash Park
- Compact Stroller (optional)

Event sponsored by Chief & Council



Call NFN Health Services Reception: 705-753-3312 to Register

(Please note: Spaces will be determined by a draw if registration results in a waitlist)

SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, July 6, 2019 Hosted by Osprey Links Golf Club

Registration 9:00am Shotgun start 10:30am

4 Person Scramble 18 Holes

50/50 - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Mulligans - 4 per team \$5 each Closest to the Pin - \$5 each

Registration: \$120 per person \$480 per team Cost Includes: Registration Gifts Golf Carts Fish Dinner Prizes

Registration through Osprey Links @ http://tiny.cc/nfngolf2019

Osprey Links Golf Course - 207 Osprey Cres., Callander, ON POH 1H0

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Shane McLeod Memorial Golf Tournament

Osprey Links Golf Course, Callander, ON

July 20th and 21st

Practice Round Week of July 15-19 Saturday: 2 Person Best Ball Sunday: Scramble Shotgun Start 10:00am, Saturday & Sunday

Prizes Include HOLE IN ONE:

- Sat: A new vehicle from True North Chevrolet
- Sat & Sun: \$10,000 Cash (2 PIN) Mike Johnson Co-operators Insurance

To Register Contact:

Osprey Links at 705-752-5225 or Matt McLeod at 705-493-1384 (Limited to 144 golfers 72 teams)

\$350 per team or \$175 per person Includes Steak Dinner, Breakfast Buffet, Cart, Practice Round and Prizes!



PLAY GOLF WITH BRETT CLEVERDON Long Drive & Trick Shot Artist A Muskoka Extravaganza

- 4 guests
- 1 round at Rockey Crest Golf Club With Brett
- 1 round at Lake Joseph Golf Club W/O Brett
- 1 night accommodation Rocky Crest
- Valid from Sunday Friday May, June, Sept, Oct

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Osprey Members get a discounted rate of \$300 per team, and \$150 per person



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In Association with 17HR Convenience and Jocko Point Fish & Chips



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Ist ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT

August 16 - 18, 2019 GARDEN VILLAGE FIELD

Cost \$400.00 per team 12 Teams Maximum & Guaranteed 3 Games CASH PRIZES

Proceeds to Nipissing Warriors hosting of the 2020 Little NHL Tournament

For more information and to register contact: Randy Penasse at randyp@nfn.ca

Community Safety Notice - Sharps Found in Public Areas

A number of needles (sharps) have been found in public areas recently, sparking safety concerns for children and families who enjoy using recreation areas in the community. Sharps pose a potential public health risk due to the 'puncture' danger, including the risk of illness/disease from possible blood exposure.



Carole Lafantaisie, Community Health Nurse 705-753-2050 ext. 2257 | <u>chn@nfn.</u>ca

If you find improperly discarded needles/syringes, please <u>REPORT</u> the exact location to:

Lawrence Commanda Health Centre - 705-753-3312 NFN Public Works Department - 705-753-4167

Proper sharps containers and sharps retrieval tools (such as gloves and tongs) are available with "no questions asked" from the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre and the new Giyak Moseng (The Right Path) office located at 316 Ted Commanda Drive. Used sharps containers can be returned to the Health Centre. The Right Path can also provide education on related topics such as needle exchange programs, naloxone and overdose prevention.

Please keep an eye out for sharps and other hazards and **report all instances of improperly discarded sharps**.

Keeping Nipissing First Nation lands safe for all residents is everyone's responsibility. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Lisa Lurz, Addictions Counsellor 705-753-1375 ext. 2255 | lisal@nfn.ca

Same place, new test!

Ontario has launched the new fecal immunochemical test (FIT), an at-home test to check for colon cancer.

Wednesday July 10, 2019 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Lawrence Commanda Health Centre For information call Carole (705) 753-3312

Learn more about getting checked for colon cancer: at this presentation by the Northeast Cancer Centre Dinner will be served before the presentation.

Transportation is available upon request.





Nbisiing Anishinaabemwin July - Miini Giizis (Berry Moon)

Miini Giizis, nsemaa nga-bgidnaa dbasendizyaan. Gzhe-Mnidoo gii wiinmaag, i-mno-nawenjgewin Mina mno-zaagidwin wewena gaa mno-zhichgaadeg. Gookmis i-naaknigewin gaa miingaasod. Miinan wii-naagdawendang ge chi-piitendaagwak Waawyeyaag ntam gaa-zhichgaadeg. Mii i- ni-kinoomaagooyaan wii ntaawgigwaa niijaansag. Mii maa pii, emkwedmaan Miinan giw- miineskaawnzhiig Pii maa wiishpangin Miinan yaamwaad. Maa mnoseg, pii kina gegoo gaa zhichkaadeg, mshikiing shinenjigaadenoon. Nda dbasendis mina nga-kwedwe debwewendaagziwin pii gii waamdaswaan, Noonziwaan ge noonjgeyaan mnaadenmoyaan nakeyiing. Baa maa pii minwa. Pane go Miigwechwendmin!

KIDWINAAN (WORDS)

Baashminsige	making jam		
Biiwaabik	motor		
Bwii	paddle		
Gnebik	snake		
Gnoozhe	pike		
Jiimaan	boat		
Memengwaa	butterfly		
Miinke	blueberry picking		
Miinan	berries/ blueberry		
Mkinaak	turtle		
Mskobmin	raspberry		
Mnis	island		
Niibin	summer		
Niibing	in the summer		
Wiigwaas jiimaan	birchbark canoe		
Zaagigan	lake		
Zhaawnong	south		
Zhebye	rowing		

Berry Moon, I offer my tobacco with respect and humbleness for what you taught me.

The Creator has instructed you to be a guardian with gentleness and kindness, keeping the balance of Creation .

CULTURE

Gookmis, the teachings you have given to the Berry to protect the scared circle of Creation, has become my teacher in raising my family.

Many times I have rasp of the berry bushes against my body.

Each time I have learned from this, the true meaning of becoming in tune to the gentleness and kindness that I must give to all Creation.

Now I humble myself and ask forgiveness for times I did not see, hear or speak to you in a respectful way.

Until the next time you come again, Berry Moon , I am forever grateful.



DIALOGUE

Niibing wii paa-nda-miinke mnising

In the summer I will go blueberry picking on the island.

Jiimaaning wii paamis niibing nbiing.

In the summer I go riding my boat.

Niibing wiigwaas jiimaan wii paam kwazhwe. I go paddling in a birchbark canoe in the summer.

We are proud to announce that **Gokmis Evelyn McLeod** will receive an Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award on August 14th. **Congratulations!**



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Teepee Teaching By community member Brenda Lee (Plains Cree)

The type of Teepee we have been using here actually comes from the West. Nbisiing did have Teepees of a different type that were covered in birch bark. At any rate, Teepees were once our mobile homes.

They weren't as big as they are now because they had to be transported to the different seasonal settlements, depending on what the camp was (i.e. maple sap camp, fishing camp, hunting camp).

The poles were made of pine trees because they need to be straight. To cure them, they were put through fire and water to seal and provide more longevity. These Teepees were previously made of 12-14 moose hides.

The Plains Cree face their door to the south, but here, we face our door to the east. Teepees were painted with the colors and clans, not with just any design.

The 3 tripod foundational poles represent earth's children: mother, father and child. A cord is attached to the tripod which represents the umbilical cord because it is connected back to mother earth. Willow pegs are used to pin the Teepee together.

The gookum Teepee structure is like a skirt touching mother earth. The mothers and grandmothers never wore pants at one time and would wear skirts that touch mother earth.

The trip pod at the top is like a nest. Like our homes.

The flaps are grandmother welcoming us into her home.

All the little pegs around the teepee represent grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sometimes the flap(s) are closed depending on where the wind was coming from. One flap can be closed at a time, or both. Protection of the family.

The men collect the poles and the women sew the canvas to make the Teepee. Inside the Teepee, there is a skirt. A gust of wind will not put the fire out, with the skirt covering the bottom that has a lip inside. If the canvas touches the ground, it can mold.

Representation of Teepee Poles:

- 1. Obedience
- 2. Respect
- 3. Humility
- 4. Happiness
- 5. Love

- 6. Faith
- 7. Kinship
- 8. Cleanliness
- 9. Thankfulness
- 10. Sharing

- 11. Strength
- 12. Good child rearing
- 13. Hope
- 14. Ultimate Protection
- 15. Controls flaps from winds

Culture and language is not lost, it was stolen. As with all teachings, we may struggle along the way and not get things right the first time around, but as long as people continue to search and try, we can retrieve what is ours. We are all working together.

Elders have always said that we need to look back at what we left on our path, to get to where we are today. We left our bundles on that trail, our ceremonies, and our language.

People would question if we want to go back and live in Teepees? What our elders mean was: go back and pick up our clans, our pipes, our women's ceremonies, our sacred songs, our clan songs, language, and acknowledgement to the creator. Ahaawsa.

FireSmart

Preparing the area immediately around your home is critical. By creating a fuel free space you can assist firefighters in protecting structures on your property.

Any kind of vegetation is combustible. Remove any shrubs, deadfall and trees, and ensure your grass is mowed and watered. Woodpiles and propane tanks should also be moved out of this area and away from vegetation.

The material your home is constructed with can also be a factor in fire prevention. Roofs should be made of fire-resistant materials. Ensure that your roof and eavestroughs are clean of combustible debris and overhanging trees and vegetation.

Priority Zone
#1

Priority Zone

#2

Priority Zone

#3

In the area 10 to 30 metres away from structures any fuels should be reduced by thinning and pruning vegetation and trees. This will slow a fire's spread.

Trees should be spaced so their crowns are 3 to 6 metres apart to prevent a fire from jumping from tree to tree. Remove any "ladder fuels", such as deadfall and thick shrubs, that would allow the fire to spread from the ground to forest canopy.

If planting new trees, consider deciduous species such as aspen, poplar and birch, which all have low a flammability rate.

This zone begins 30 metres from any structure and extends to a distance of 100 metres and beyond.

The focus of this area should be to thin out trees and wvegetation so that if a fire does burn into the area it will be less intense and spread at a slower rate.

Just like in Zone 2, attempt to thin out trees and shrubs below the forest canopy, keep trees spaced apart to reduce the potential of fire from crown-to-drown, and retain fireresistant deciduous trees.

For more information see www.bcwildfire.ca and www.firesmartcanada.ca

- 10m - 30m

Food Bank Spring Raffle Winners

At Summer Solstice, our Food Bank had a penny sale fundraiser as well as a raffle. Thank you to all those who helped out by buying and selling tickets and to all those who tried their luck in the penny sale.

We raised \$1500 for the Food Bank! The following people won the raffle prizes:

- 1. Jill Mortimer won the BBQ and accessories
- 2. Paul Courtemanche won the table and chair set
- 3. Freda Martel won the \$100 Don's Butcher shop gift card

The NFN Food Bank helps our most vulnerable community members put a few meals on the table. We have also begun offering a monthly soup kitchen event on the 4th Thursday of each month. The next event is on July 25th at 11am!



Come out and enjoy a hot meal Thursday July 25, 2019 11AM - 1PM Garden Village Gym

4th Thursday each month Call Becky 705-753-6972 to book transportation



On June 6th, the **Grade 11/12 Hospitality and Tourism students from Nbisiing School** completed their restaurant critique culminating activity at Boston Pizza. Students experienced customer service and professionalism from the perspective of a customer and were able to see real-life examples of health and safety standards. In learning about how tourism affects the environment, students were able to see this reflected at Boston Pizza (i.e. in an effort to lower their single-use plastic waste, they no longer serve straws with their drinks). Students thoroughly enjoyed their meals, and all students complimented the excellent customer service they received in their critiques. This lunch also served as a reward for all the students' hard work in our weekly Wiisnidaa Wednesdays, and monthly Elders luncheons.

Thank you Boston Pizza for providing an excellent dining experience to Nbisiing students!

Congratulations to Alexus Beaucage and Mylene Langlois

On June 15th & 16th, Nipissing First Nation members Alexus Beaucage and Mylene Langlois competed in the Rush Hockey Tournament for Elite Players (A-AAA) from across North America.

The girls played hard during the whole tournament and came out as tournament Champions! Alexus was a wall in net with three shutouts and only letting in 5 pucks in 7 games as an underage goaltender. She was the only goaltender in this division that was born in 2008 (the rest were born in 2006-2007). Mylene was on Defense shutting down many plays and helping to put some points on the scoreboard. She made some great plays, resulting in a beauty of a goal from the blue line.



Congratulations to both Alexus and Mylene on this incredible accomplishment!



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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
LEGEND:	Garbage Collect	ion OGarbage	& Recycling Collection		-			
	01	02 Baby & Me 9am - 12pm @ NFN Library Council Meeting 7:30pm in GV	FoodBank Open 9am - 4pm	04	05	06 Golf Tournament Shotgun Start 10:30am @ Osprey Links Golf Club		
07	Offices Closed Baseball FUNdamentals 6pm - 8pm	09 Baby & Me 9am - 12pm @ NFN Library	10 Community Clean Up 10am - 3pm @ Garden Village & Jocko Point	11 Strawberry Picking 12pm - 3pm	12 Galaxy Cinema Movies 11am - 4pm	13		
14	Ballfield in Garden Village Parent volunteers are encouraged 15	16	Diners' Club 11am - 1pm @ NFN Gym	@ Leisure Farms	19	20		
17	Baseball FUNdamentals 6pm - 8pm @ Ballfield in Garden Village Parent volunteers are encouraged	Baby & Me 9am - 12pm @ NFN Library	Open 9am - 4pm Family/Youth Day Trip Toronto Zoo 7 am @ Band Office Departure	Hike © Sturgeon River House Museum 11am - 3pm	Urban Air in Sudbury 11am - 4pm	20		
			Community Clean Up 10am - 3pm @ Beaucage, Yellek, & Duchesnay					
21	22 Baseball FUNdamentals 6pm - 8pm @ Ballfield in Garden Village Parent volunteers are encouraged	23 Baby & Me 9am - 12pm @ NFN Library	24 Infant Child CPR & Baby First Aid 10am - 12pm @ GV Gym	25	26	27		
28	29 Baseball FUNdamentals 6pm - 8pm @ Ballfield in Garden Village Parent volunteers are encouraged	30 Baby & Me 9am - 12pm @ NFN Library	31 Youth Learning to Cook Fish Fry 11 am - 3pm @ NFN Courtyard/Fire Pit					

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