



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

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## Council Meetings

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7pm - Garden Village

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7pm - Duchesnay

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7pm - Garden Village

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7pm - Garden Village

## Christmas Income Distribution

### Funds will be distributed on December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Christmas funds will be distributed to members on **December 6, 2018** until **March 31, 2019**.

**Distribution dates** are scheduled as follows for those wishing to pick up shares in person:

<b>Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>NFN Complex, Garden Village</b>	<b>Nbisiing School, Duchesnay</b>

You can also pick up shares from the Finance department starting on **December 10, 2018**.

Note: Third party pick-ups are no longer permitted; however one can collect for a spouse and a parent may collect for children under the age of 16 who are still living at home.

**To request a cheque or direct deposit** instead of picking up, please complete, sign and return the Request Form available at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca) to our Finance Department by mail, fax or email. Members 16 years of age or older must complete their own application.

Requests submitted by November 5<sup>th</sup> will receive payment by cheque or direct deposit on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Requests received after this date will be processed within 4-6 weeks. Please contact the Finance Department at 705-753-2050 or [finance@nfn.ca](mailto:finance@nfn.ca) if you have any questions or need more information.

**NOTE: SHARES DO NOT ACCUMULATE AND MUST BE PICKED UP OR REQUESTED EVERY YEAR.**  
NFN members will have until **March 31, 2019** to pick up or request their shares.

## Christmas Break Office Closure

### Offices closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>

Chief and Council have approved the Christmas Break closure for two weeks starting on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. All Nipissing First Nation offices will be closed during this time, with staff returning on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### FOOD BANK & SOCIAL SERVICES - EMERGENCY ACCESS DATES

The Food Bank and Ontario Works will be open on **Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** from 9am until noon. In January, the Food Bank will be open on January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday).

### PUBLIC WORKS - ESSENTIAL SERVICES & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Essential services provided by Public Works will continue during the holidays, including road maintenance, garbage/recycling collection and seniors' snow plowing.

**In case of emergency**, please contact Terry Larivière at 705-471-7009 or Patrick Stevens at 705-498-2519.



## 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Seeking Youth Trustee Member

Term: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

Nipissing First Nation members who meet the following conditions are eligible to apply for the youth seat on the Board of Trustees for the NFN 2013 Boundary Claim Trust:

- Must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of his or her appointment as a Nipissing Trustee;
- Must have completed high school or equivalency (GED);
- Must not be a member of Council as of the date of his or her appointment as a Nipissing Trustee;
- Must not have been declared to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction in Canada or elsewhere up to the time of applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee;
- Must not have been convicted of an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada that is an indictable offence or a dual offence which the Crown elected to proceed by way of indictment in the five year period immediately prior to applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee;
- Must not have been declared bankrupt pursuant to provisions of the Bankruptcy Act in the five year period immediately prior to applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee;
- Must not have been convicted of an offence under such laws relating to the possession, possession for the purpose of trafficking, or trafficking of a prohibited drug in the five year period immediately prior to applying for the position of Nipissing Trustee; and
- The individual must agree in writing to become a party to, and be bound by, the terms of the Trust Agreement and to faithfully and to the best of his or her abilities carry out the duties of Nipissing Trustee by signing a Nipissing Undertaking of a Trustee's Certificate.

Interested Nipissing members shall provide the following information: A current detailed resumé, a statement declaring that you are not in undischarged bankruptcy or insolvency, and a current Certified Criminal Records Check.

Applications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" no later than 4:30p.m. on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** to:

Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer  
Nipissing First Nation  
36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2  
Fax: 705-753-0207 | Email: [dwaynen@nfn.ca](mailto:dwaynen@nfn.ca)



### How to Stop Unwanted Mail

Did you know that you can stop receiving unwanted ad mail simply by placing a note in or on your mailbox, or on the inside lip of your community mailbox?

If you continue to receive unwanted mail (such as flyers, offers and catalogues), you can file a service ticket on the [Canada Post website](http://Canada Post website).

Note that Canada Post cannot stop delivering any addressed mail (including advertising), mail from government agencies, materials from Elections Canada, or community newspapers.

We kindly ask you to not discard unwanted mail at the community mailboxes. Please take it home and place it in your recycling bin to help reduce litter in our communities.

Miigwech!

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS STILL NEEDED



Anishinaabemwin  
Culture & Pow Wow  
Economic Development

Housing & Planning  
Lands & Bylaw  
Natural Resources

Download an application at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca). For more information, please contact: Freda Martel at 705-753-2050 ext. 1223 or [fredam@nfn.ca](mailto:fredam@nfn.ca)





Following a beautiful ceremony and luncheon on Remembrance Day, the church bells in Garden Village rang 100 times at sunset to honour the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.



### Annual Report 2017-2018

Our annual report was distributed at the annual meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> and can also be viewed online at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca). Pick up a copy at the office or request one by mail or email by calling 705-753-2050 or email [genc@nfn.ca](mailto:genc@nfn.ca).



## Zhimaagnishii Giizhgak Remembrance Day - Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>



Petty Officer First Class Patrick Stevens Jr. (far right) at Vimy Ridge Memorial in France with the sonar section from HMCS Halifax, which was part of the service to celebrate 100 years since the armistice.



## Maawjidwin Nji-Wiidooktaadyang *Growing Together* Annual Community Meeting - Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Miigwech to everyone who came to our Annual Meeting in Duchesnay on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 200 community members us joined us for breakfast and an open house with our staff and service providers. Chief Scott McLeod provided an update about the daycare and community hall development in Duchesnay, upcoming cannabis consultations, the new Labour Market Information Survey initiative being rolled out through our Employment & Training Unit, and touched on various other current issues that are at the Council table.

We were also fortunate to have Mike Restoule give a presentation about the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Claim. Learn more here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6EuORI2KM1cODS38h0Bgjg>



# Beautification Update

The Beautification program is coming to an end on December 7<sup>th</sup> and has successfully completed many projects and tasks across our communities this season, including:

- **Assessing** various projects to determine the scope of work
- **Assisting** with deliveries to the Food Bank and dismantling the Teaching Lodge
- **Building** a driveway at the Gtiguewin Community Garden; railings for the walkway at the Outdoor Rink in Garden Village; shelving for the Pow Wow grounds; and storage cabinets and work benches for the Public Works garage
- **Clearing & cutting** fallen trees along roadways
- **Installing** guard rails on Ted Commanda Drive, flags at the Cenotaph, service doors for the Zamboni, snow fencing at the Nipissing Ojibway Daycare playground and at the Pow Wow grounds; as well as temporary fencing for falling snow and ice at the Outdoor Rink in Garden Village.
- **Maintaining & improving** grounds, equipment and facilities across NFN, such as painting rink boards and repairing rink doors in Duchesnay; waterproofing walls and diverting water at the Maintenance Garage; improving roads by addressing culverts, potholes and levelling; performing repairs at our Pump Houses; and maintaining walkways and landscaping at the Administration Office.
- **Preparing** facilities and equipment for the winter season, including framing and installing concrete and railings for the new Zamboni entrance in Garden Village; winterizing small engine equipment used by the program; and applying sand & salt to roads and walkways.
- **Removing** garbage and debris across NFN lands and rail beds, including reporting illegal dumping and assisting in the apprehension of one suspect.



**For more information, please contact:**

April Goulais, Beautification Clerk  
705-753-2050 ext. 1262 | [aprilg@nfn.ca](mailto:aprilg@nfn.ca)

Shayla Brunet, Facilities Clerk  
705-753-2050 ext. 1285 | [shaylab@nfn.ca](mailto:shaylab@nfn.ca)

## Help Us Stop Illegal Dumping

*See it?  
Suspect it?  
Tell Us!*

Illegal dumping is a serious environmental issue and is strictly prohibited in all areas of Nipissing Nation.

Please notify us with any information if you witness illegal activity occurring.

All tips are confidential and violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Helpful information about suspicious behavior includes:

- License Plate #
- Vehicle/Driver Description
- Location
- Direction vehicle was travelling in
- Items in truck and/or trailer

For more information, please contact:

Patrick Stevens  
705-753-2050 x 1220  
[patrick@nfn.ca](mailto:patrick@nfn.ca)

## NFN Landfill - Holiday Hours

Regular Hours are from 9:00am to 5:00pm

**Saturday to Tuesday**

The Landfill site will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>



*Nipissing First Nation*  
**MARKET BASED  
 HOUSING  
 PROGRAM**



**Competitive and Affordable  
 Mortgages and Loans That  
 YOU Can Build On**

**Planning to build or buy a  
 home on NFN in the spring?**

We are pleased to offer a **new program** developed in partnership with the First Nations Market Housing Fund. This program offers NFN members another option to finance the construction of a new home, or to purchase or renovate an existing home on NFN through the **Caisse Populaire Alliance Verner**.

This program is offered in addition to the NFN Housing Loan and RBC On-Reserve Lending programs, with each program offering eligible band members with loans of up to \$300,000 to build or purchase a home on reserve, or up to \$100,000 to refinance for renovations when a mortgage is in place.

For more information about eligibility, or for assistance with completing an application, contact:

Shawn Anderson, Housing Manager  
 705-753-2050 | [shawn.anderson@nfn.ca](mailto:shawn.anderson@nfn.ca)

Visit [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca) to view the program brochure.

**Program Details**

	<b>New</b>	<b>Purchase</b>	<b>Renovate</b>	<b>Refinance</b>
Maximum Loan	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$5,000 - \$100,000	\$100,000
Maximum Amortization	25 years	25 years	20 Years	25 years
Downpayment Equity	5%	5%	N/A	0%
Life Insurance	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Insurance	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Home Inspection	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
Serviced Lots Only	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grant of Entitlement (GE)	NFN	NFN	NFN	NFN
Debts Owed to Nipissing	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed
Renovations	N/A	Yes, within max loan	Yes	Yes, within max loan
Inspections	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Construction Method	Contractor	Contractor (renos)	Contractor	N/A

# CANNABIS LAW CONSULTATIONS

Your feedback will determine how we manage legal cannabis within NFN through the development of a Cannabis Law under our Gichi-Naaknigewin

**TUES  
DECEMBER  
11**

## **DUCHESNAY**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Nbisiing Secondary School Gym

**WED  
DECEMBER  
12**

## **GARDEN VILLAGE**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Community Complex Gym

## **QUICK FACTS**

Cannabis became legal on October 17, 2018 and can be purchased online.

On April 1, 2019 private retail stores will be legal across Ontario. First Nations can approve or opt out of stores and deliveries, and may form agreements with the Attorney General with respect to regulating, licensing and authorizing retail stores on-reserve.

**We need to hear from you on a number of issues related to the legalization of cannabis to determine our next steps.**



VISIT [NFN.CA](http://NFN.CA) FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR CALL 705-753-2050





## N B I S I I N G   S E C O N D A R Y   S C H O O L

Please visit our website [www.nbisiing.com](http://www.nbisiing.com) for registration forms and call to schedule a school tour and information session: (705) 497-9938. Check out our [Facebook Page](#) for our calendar of events and other school-related news!

### Miigwech for the new classroom



We'd like to take a minute to say miigwech to Alex Armstrong and the students in the Green Industries course for setting up and maintaining the teepee in front of the school.

It has become a favourite classroom for many of our students and staff.



### Treaties Recognition Week

Students from Nbisiing participated in various activities throughout Treaties Recognition Week this year. We were lucky enough to attend Nipissing University and hear from Chief Scott McLeod, Grand Chief of Anishinabek Nation Glen Hare, Maurice Switzer, and Kelly Crawford among others on the importance of honouring the treaties and Treaties Recognition Week.



### Leadership & Post-Secondary Pathways

Recently, University bound students from Nbisiing attended the **Debwendizon Indigenous Youth Education Gathering at Nipissing University**. The program allowed students to experience university life as well as to explore the various departments at the University.

Students were given the opportunity to engage in activities in the Phys Ed Department, Nursing Department, Library, and in the Residences. They had the opportunity to meet with students and professors from several departments, including the Office of Indigenous Initiatives.

Each year, the **Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program** visits Nbisiing to meet students and provide information regarding post-secondary opportunities to our students. Over 40 students attended the information session in order to broaden their perspective on the possibilities for post-secondary education.

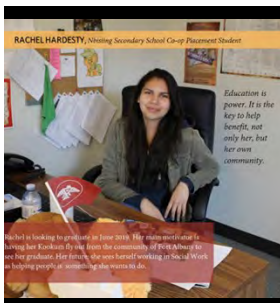
## Leadership & Post-Secondary Pathways Continued...

As well, eight students attended the Open House at the **Anishinabek Educational Institute**. At the Open House, students were given a tour and had the opportunity to discuss post-secondary options at AEI.



Nbisiing students attended the **Grand Opening of "The Village,"** which is a new addition to the Canadore College Campus. They were impressed with the new Indigenous facilities that will be available to students who attend Canadore in the future.

The students in the "Designing Your Future" course had the opportunity to take the **"Rent Smart"** program, which is beneficial to anyone who will ever be a tenant or a landlord. This certificate program is recognized by landlords as an asset when students are applying for an apartment.



## Cooperative Education

Rachel is currently on placement at the Anishinabek Nation. She is also taking the Counselling Dual Credit at Canadore College.

Jayden is seen on the right with his MTCU counselor after signing up for the Truck and Coach Apprenticeship Program through his employer, Groulx Equipment.



## News from the Wellness Lead

**Moon Teachings** - Monthly Moon Teachings are well-underway, with November being Freezing Moon. Students were reminded of being prepared for long winter months (collecting firewood, ensuring that we check in on our Elders and family members in need, checking on our own Mental Health, as Seasonal Depression can set in with lowered amounts of Vitamin D from the sun), what stories are told during the Winter, as well as how we use the Stars to guide us during hunting/trapping seasons and some stories tied to the Stars.

DECEMBER - LITTLE SPIRIT MOON



We will be having our Little Spirit Moon (December) teaching before we are off for Christmas Break. The focus will be on Healers and Seers (how we can recognize our own gifts, trusting our intuition, collecting our oral traditions and histories pertaining to healing and seeing, and exploring the concept of Molecular Memory).

We will also discuss how to feed our Spirit with goodness and positive energy to help us get through the Winter months, until the days start to get longer after the Winter Solstice (December 21<sup>st</sup>).

A copy of all of our Moon Teaching overviews can be requested by students and their parents if they are interested. Please send an email to the Wellness Lead: [amandab@nbisiing.com](mailto:amandab@nbisiing.com)

**Building Our Bundles** - November is also the roll-out month for a program designed by the Wellness Lead that provides and reinforces our teachings and how they are tied to our Well-being. This program focuses on building a "bundle" with each student, the bundle being a booklet with teachings about self. These topics include: The 5 Parts of Self, The 7 Stages of Life, Medicine Wheel teachings, Identity. Booklets are available to each student, and parents can request a copy as well.

## Education Department Reminders

**Incentives and awards are a great way to keep our Elementary and Secondary students motivated!**

Please ensure that all your child's information is up to date with the Education Department. Contact us if you've had any change in school, address, phone number, email, or to update Authorization for Release of Information forms.

Contact: Tracy Hanzlik at the Education Office: 705-753-6995 or [tracyh@nfn.ca](mailto:tracyh@nfn.ca)



# Treaties Recognition Week Recap

A number of events were held from November 5-9 as part of Treaties Recognition Week. Chief Scott McLeod spoke at an event held at the Nipissing University Library on November 5. This event also included Maurice Switzer, Kelly Crawford and Mike Restoule, who has dedicated a great deal of time and commitment to ensure both levels of government live up to their part of the treaty.

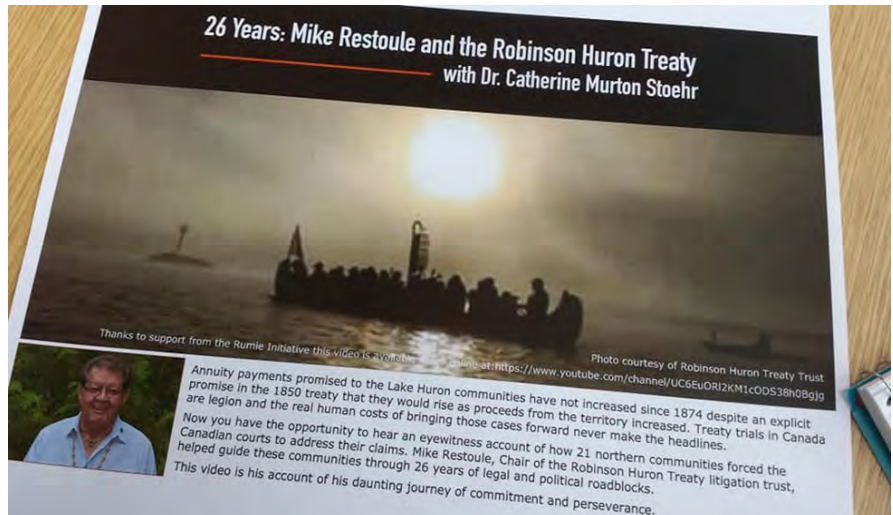
In an effort to continue promoting learning opportunities, Catherine Murton Stoehr, Ph.D - a professor at Nipissing University, writer for the *Anishinabek News* and local activist- will be teaching a history course over the winter entitled: *Indigenous Treaties in Canada*.

The course will feature Mike Restoule, of Nipissing First Nation on the Robinson Huron Treaty; Dan Shaule of Garden River Ojibway Nation on the Williams Treaty; Alan Odjig Corbiere of M'Chigeeng on the 1862 Manitoulin Island Treaty; and Maurice Switzer of Mississaugas of the New Credit on treaties and reconciliation.

Some of the courses will be held off-campus so that they are more accessible to community members who would like to attend and help to inform the discussion. Children are always welcome.

A pamphlet with meeting times and specific topics will be circulated in early December. Watch the [NFN Administration](#) Facebook page for details.

The intent of the course is to lay a path forward to by helping participants understand treaties (and the conditions under which they were made) in order to move closer to reconciliation. Please contact Catherine for details at [mstoehr@nipissingu.ca](mailto:mstoehr@nipissingu.ca).



A photo from the rally outside of MPP Vic Fedeli's office this fall when funding for Indigenous people to meet in Toronto to build curriculum was cut.



# Career Opportunities

Watch our Website & Facebook Pages for Current Postings

The following employment opportunity is currently available with Nipissing First Nation.

To view the complete job posting, please click on the job posting title below, visit [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca) and click on the *Jobs* tab, or call the office at 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail or email.

## **Executive Director - North Bay Indigenous Community Hub**

Permanent Full-Time (Posting open to all applicants - status and non-status)

Apply by Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

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 above to:

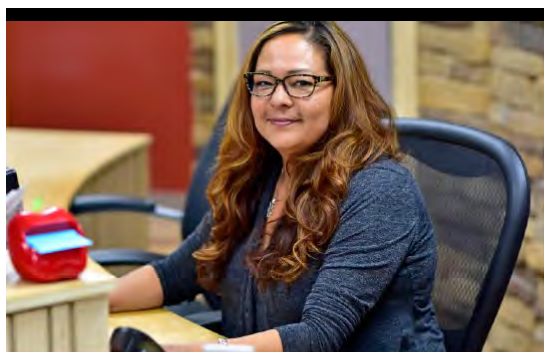
Jennifer Lalonde, Human Resources Manager  
Nipissing First Nation  
36 Semo Road, Garden Village, ON P2B 3K2  
Fax (705) 753-0207  
Email: [resumes@nfn.ca](mailto:resumes@nfn.ca)



**NFN Jobs & Training**

**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.*



## IPREP

**(Indigenous Poverty Reduction Education Program)**

A college pathway support program in partnership with First Nation Ontario Works offices.

### Ontario Works and ODSP Clients:

Are you interested in attending a program at Canadore College? Do you know what program you want or do you need assistance in choosing?

#### Specialized Support

- Direct application to Canadore
- Assistance with funding applications
- Education plans/goal setting
- Mature Student testing
- Access to Indigenous knowledge keepers/elders
- Supplies, laptop loans and residence subsidies
- Tutoring and customized support
- Employment Services before and after graduation

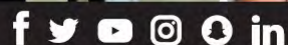
#### Eligibility

- Ontario Works or ODSP recipient or dependent
- Interest in pursuing a college education between Sept 2018 - Sept 2019



An agency of the Government of Ontario  
Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

For more information, talk to your Ontario Works staff for an application and referral to the program.



[canadorecollege.ca/iprep](http://canadorecollege.ca/iprep)



# LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION AND SKILLS INVENTORY SURVEY



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LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT

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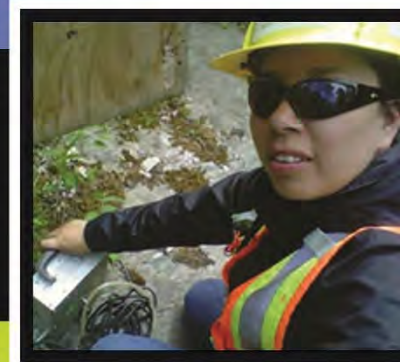
# SURVEYING THE NATION

## WHAT ARE YOU SURVEYING?

- Community members' recent employment and education activities
- Community's economic needs and strengths

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY

- Local surveyors and Employment & Training counsellors
- Anishinabek Nation Labour Market Development Department
- Sponsored by: Aboriginal Employment Services Inc. and Employment & Skills Development Canada



## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY?

- The information collected can help your local Employment & Training Office to match community members like yourself with meaningful jobs as well as match employers with skilled individuals

## HOW WILL YOU USE MY INFORMATION?

- Information will be grouped together to find out employment levels in the community
- Your identity will remain anonymous and information confidential (only members of the Band Office and Employment & Training Office will handle it)

## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

- Our community-based surveyors will be going door to door between now and March 31, 2019 and you will have a chance to sit down and answer some questions
- If you would like to set up an appointment with a surveyor, you can contact us at the information below!



Contact Sarah Fisher at 705-753-2050 ext. 1243  
or [sarahf@nfn.ca](mailto:sarahf@nfn.ca) for more information.

**You'll get \$10 for participating in the survey, and be entered into 1 of 2 draws for a \$250 gift certificate!**



We value your help in this project and your continued devotion to your First Nation.





## Medical Transportation Reminders

### Notice Required for Bookings & Christmas Closure

To ensure rides can be arranged with **local medical transportation**, please provide the Health Centre with **48 hours notice** for scheduling purposes. Call the Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to book your ride in advance.

Anyone requesting **long distance medical transportation** assistance through Non Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) is asked to please provide **2 weeks notice** by contacting the NIHB Coordinator, Sue Commanda, at 705-753-3312 ext. 2233.

Health Services clients who use the medical transportation van should call and book their appointments before our offices close for the **Christmas Break** from: December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>.

For any emergency or unscheduled appointments that occur during the closure, please contact: Sue Commanda at 705-358-5714 or Kimberly Lalonde at 705-498-3698.



## Baby Calendar Submissions

### *for Babies Born in 2018*

The submission form is now available at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca), or get one from the Health Centre or Band Office. Submissions must be returned to the Health Centre by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

*'Tis the Season to be Careful*



## ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

**Water Fresh Trees Daily**  
**Check all lights before decorating**  
 Use flameless candles  
 Use extension cords wisely  
 Give space heaters space

**Make sure all smoke alarms work & replace any over 10 years old**  
 Protect your family with carbon monoxide alarms  
 Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely

**Watch what you heat (always stay in the kitchen when cooking)**  
 Encourage smokers to smoke outside and use deep ashtrays  
 Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children

## SPECIAL EVENTS

# Annual Christmas Tea



Saturday December 1st from 11am - 4pm

NFN Band Office Gym Complex in Garden Village

Free admission & everyone is welcome!

Lottery Tree

50/50

Children's Stocking

Penny Sale

Yard Sale

3 Prize Draws

Chip Bingo

Bake Sale



Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings for only \$8 per plate!



Come out for an afternoon of family-friendly fun!

All proceeds go to the Holy Spirit Church to support operations and maintenance costs.

## Child, Youth & Family Programs



### Baby & Me Drop-In

Tuesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

10am - 1pm @ NFN Kendaaswin (Library), Garden Village

We discuss topics such as healthy child development and parent/child attachment. Transportation & lunch provided. For more information, please call Katie at (705) 753-2050 ext 1323 or [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca).

Hosted by Native Child Welfare & NFN Health Services



### Teen Night (Ages 13 - 24)

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 10pm @ NFN Kendaaswin, Garden Village

Hosted by Native Child Welfare



### Family Christmas Cookie Baking & Decorating

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm @ LCHC Boardroom, Garden Village

Hosted by Native Child Welfare



### Kids' Movie Night (Ages 6 - 12)

Wednesdays, December 12<sup>th</sup> & January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin, Garden Village

Hosted by Native Child Welfare & NFN Kendaaswin



### Pizza & Leafs Game (Ages 13 - 24)

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 10pm

@ New Wing in NFN Band Office

Hosted by Native Child Welfare



## Child, Youth & Family Programs

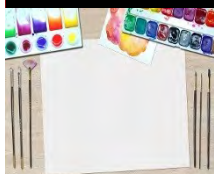


### Youth Christmas Dinner (Ages 13 - 24)

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 6pm @ LCHC Boardroom, Garden Village

Register by December 10<sup>th</sup> with Katie @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1323 or [katiel@nfn.ca](mailto:katiel@nfn.ca) or with Joe @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1340 or [joem@nfn.ca](mailto:joem@nfn.ca)

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare & NFN Health Services*



### Craft Night (Ages 6 -12)

Wednesdays, December 19<sup>th</sup> & January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin, Garden Village

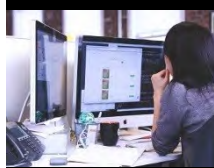
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### Outdoor Activities (All Ages)

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm @ Outdoor Rink, Garden Village

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare*



### Computer Night (Ages 6 -12)

Wednesdays, December 5<sup>th</sup> & January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin, Garden Village

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare & NFN Kendaaswin*



### Kids' Social (Ages 6 -12)

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm @ New Wing in NFN Band Office

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare*



### Game Night (All Ages)

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin, Garden Village

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare*



### Ribbon Skirts & Drumsticks w/ Vanessa Cyr (Ages 13 - 24)

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm @ New Wing in NFN Band Office

Light lunch provided. Limit of 12.

To register contact Joe @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1340 or [joem@nfn.ca](mailto:joem@nfn.ca)

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare*



### Teen Cooking (Ages 13 - 24)

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm @ TBA

*Hosted by Native Child Welfare*



## Culture Events



### Open Sew

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 9pm @ NFN Culture Centre  
Bring your supplies and projects! A facilitator will be on hand to help.



### Traditional Hunting Workshop for Youth

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ TBA  
Learn respectful hunting practices. Limited spaces available. Facilitator: Perry McLeod Shabogestic.  
To register or for more information regarding location and details, please contact Mindy@ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca)



### Rendering Bear Fat

Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - Noon @ NFN Culture Centre  
Workshop takes place outside, dress accordingly. Light lunch provided over open fire; cedar tea, soup, and bannock.  
Priority to NFN Band Members. To register, please contact Mindy @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or by email to [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca)



### Moccasin Making with Tracey (limited spaces, priority to NFN members)

December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Garden Village and December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in Duchesnay (4 sessions - total cost \$100 per person)  
Deposit will include all materials and pre-packaged kits and embroidery. No custom orders to Tracey please.  
To register, contact Mindy @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or by email to [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca).



### Paint Night with Jules Armstrong

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 10pm @ NFN Culture Centre  
Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 10pm @ Nbisiing Secondary School  
Participation Fee: \$20 to be paid ahead of time to guarantee your space.  
Limited spaces, priority given to NFN members.  
To register, please contact Mindy @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca)



### Holiday Celebration Drum Social

Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – Midnight @ NFN Complex Gym, Garden Village  
Enjoy a family-friendly, healthy holiday celebration! With local grandfather drum and hand drumming, bring your regalia and celebrate our culture. Evening refreshments and door prizes will be available.  
For any inquiries or transportation needs, please contact Mindy by December 21st at [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca)  
**Hosted by NFN Culture & Heritage and Native Child Welfare**



### Birch Bark Bowls

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Time TBA @ NFN Culture Centre  
Make birch bark bowls from the sustainable harvest of gifts of creation. Part 1 of 3 workshops.  
Participation Fee: \$20 to be paid ahead of time to guarantee your space.  
Limited spaces, priority given to NFN members. To register, please contact Mindy @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca)



### Bus to Dokis Round Dance Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Bus departs Garden Village at 5pm & returns at 1am. To register, please contact Mindy @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1260 or [mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca](mailto:mindy.lariviere.martel@nfn.ca) or Joe McLeod @ (705) 753-2050 ext 1340 or [joem@nfn.ca](mailto:joem@nfn.ca)  
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## Nbisiing Anishinaabemwin

### KIDWINAN:

#### (Words for December)

<b>Aazhenii</b>	angel	<b>Nmiigwe</b>	to give/exchange gifts
<b>Gidaanmikoon</b>	to wish you	<b>Nmiingoo</b>	I received a gift
<b>Gaa-miisaagdooned gmishoomis</b>	santa	<b>Nmiinaa</b>	I give him/her a gift
<b>Minowaazong</b>	time to be happy	<b>Niibaanamang ngamnan</b>	Christmas carols
<b>Nang</b>	star	<b>Skigwenaa</b>	hug
<b>Ndamnowaagnan</b>	toys	<b>Wii niimidin</b>	there's a dance
<b>Niibaanamaang</b>	it's Christmas	<b>Niibaanamaang mina Nimkodaadin</b>	
<b>Nmadshiwe</b>	to visit	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	

### KIDWINAN:

#### (Words for January)

<b>Nimkodaadin</b>	it's New Year	<b>Goon waabshkizi</b>	snow is white
<b>Gchi-gsinaa</b>	very cold	<b>Ma'iingan</b>	wolf
<b>Giidwedid</b>	north wind	<b>Dbaajmonan</b>	stories
<b>Waabshkaa</b>	white	<b>Mooshne Giizis</b>	full moon

## Preparing for Bi-Boon - A Teaching about Winter

As we live through the thirteen grandmother moons during the year, we are now in the time of hardship. Mdaabmini Giizis, (Corn Moon-September), Binaakwi Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon October), mina Mtigmeg Giizis (Whitefish Moon-November) is the time we start to put things away, preparing for the long winter, known as BOON.

This was especially true for our ancestors, even our grandparents as we have witnessed in our lifetime. Our ancestors would all go back to the sugar camps and they would go and retrieve all the birch bark tubs, which were full of maple candy and syrup.. In Mdaabmini Giizis, September. all the hunters would go out and the animals would give their lives to the hunters who needed them, so that nishnaabe would survive another winter. The kwewag would smoke all the meat, put the meat away and get ready for the mshkawding is coming. So the falling leaves are happening and the mshkawding is November and that's the time we're getting ready to go to the winter goomosgewag (camps). So this goes on like 28 days each. We have December, January and February. January is the Creator's moon.

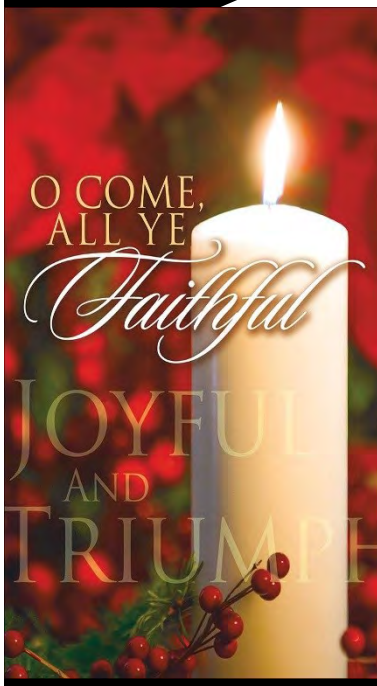
**Kizhemnidoo Myaawsaan kina gegoo. Kizhwemnidoo kina gegoo bi-mi yaayaang waamdaan yaayaangwaamdaan kina ebimizhiwebak kina anishinaabeg gewiin gaa-bikendaaswaad maajii bi maadzid. Mii dash enji-madbiyang geyaaba.**

*He is the one that takes care of everything and everyone, all of creation. He is the one who takes care of all that is happening. This is why we are still here today.*

There are two spirit moons. Giizsoons manidoo is what we know as January — the time when we talk about Boon. Why do we call it that? Boon. Do you know what that means? It means death. Niizhwag aanish geniin enso biboonezyan? Aanish giin enso biboonezyan? You hear that? Boon. Boon-enz-yan. Aanish giin enso biboonezyan? I'm asking how many winters have you survived? We don't say years we say Aanish giin enso biboonezyan? How many winters did you survive? Not so much now because we don't even have cut wood anymore. We just turn up our thermostat if it gets too cold. If we run out of food we just go to the store.

But in the time of our ancestors these moons were very important because if they didn't do this preparation work... if they didn't follow those moon cycles, they would never survive the wintertime. In Creator's moon, there is a time of cleansing. Only the fittest survive. Because when Chi-boon comes... Chi-boon is manidoo ga'awi'ya gewiin a- manidoowi mshkaawzii... mshkaawzii kina gegoo bebiinton ebimiyaat. Spirit is strong. He cleans the way.

If you're not prepared for that creator's moon then you'll be taken to the spirit world and that's why it's called Boon. And even the ayaa Shkakmikwe (mother earth) goes to sleep too. All the plant life goes to sleep, even ninaatig goes to sleep, all the wiigwaas goes to sleep, miinan goes to sleep, everything goes to sleep. Boon.



## Emnamii'aayeg, Onaaniigwendamog

### *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

E naa mii 'aayeg , Oo naa nii gwend mog

O come, all ye faithful

Aam be Beth le he ming wii bi l zhaag

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem

Gaa na waa baa mig Zhe zos ga bi nii gid

Come and behold him

#### *Chorus:*

Oon daas, bi maa naa di i ig, bi maa naa dji ig

O come let us adore him , o come let us adore him.

O come let us adore him

Aaw gaa bi nii igid

Christ the Lord

De be ni mi naang

O sing , choirs of angels

Gii zhi gong oon dji baa

Sing in Exaltation

Ki Zhe mni doo wi

Come and behold him

Gii gaan gwaan Oo gii bi nig i i goon

Born the King of angels

Noon gom sa oo maa Kit chi twaa wi naa daa

#### *Chorus*

## Anishinaabemwin Words & Dialogue for December

### *Mnidoo Giisoons ~ Little Spirit Moon*

Mdaaswi-shi-niizh giizis egoojing gaa-zhichgazod,

Mnidoo-Giisoons zhinkaazo.

Mii maa pii aapchi mnidoowang maadziwin.

Mii maa pii maadziwin emkawaabmigaadeg maa miikan

Wa GZhemnidoo gaa tood.

Mii dash pii Mnidoo- Giisoons, mii ni-zhaad Mkinaak Minising,

Namaa gego zhinkaade Mtakmikwe ni-naandwiwed mina

wii-waabdang mi-yaag maadziwin enji-binjibaamgak.

Mii maa wii- gwekwendaagwak mshkaawziwin pane

nji-nishing, niwaabdaweng pane maa miikan enmok pii biinak

O'de Mnidoo-kiing.

Little spirit moon is the twelfth moon of Creation, a very spiritual time,

At this all Creation is being reminded of their journey set out by the Creator.

During this time, the Little Spirit Moon journeys to Turtle Island, as a healer and a seer in the hearts of all Creation.

This is to ensure that the strength and power of the purist of Creation, can flourish with the identity to make the journey from this world to the next.

## Anishinaabemwin Words & Dialogue for January

### *Gchi-Mnidoo Giizis - Spirit Moon*

Nshki-tam Giizis egoojing gaa-zhinkaazod,

(Mnidoo Giizis Zhinkazo)

e-piitendjigaadeg kinoomaagewin pii giizis mooshned,

nji-kenmang noongom pii Gookmis kinoomaaged Maadziwin

mii dash ge Mnidoo bi-maanjidiwaad

gchi—twaa shkodeng nmadbiwaad Semaan gii-pkitnaawaan,

nji-bznindamwaad Gchi-kinoomaagwin Gookmis-miigwed.

Mii maa pii mnidoosag ge wiinwaa bi-yaawaad pii shkode

ndaaptege

Mii dash gii-shkwaa kinoomaageng, goki maa kiing bi-zhaawak,

Pii ge waamjigaazwag bi-mi yaawaad giizhgong.

Enaandwiwewaad zhinkaazwak,

Waaseyaa Dbikak

Spirit Moon is the first moon of Creation.

A time when the teachings of life is being honored in silence. In this great moment of the full moon,

We understand this time as a time of Gookmis or the spirit that teaches the meanings of the continuum of life from this world to the next.

At this time our spirits are called to sit at the sacred fire with our tobacco and listen to these teachings from Gookmis. When the sacred fire begins, the path of the spirits can be seen clearer than any other time.

Following the teachings, the spirits return to the earth and can be seen traveling across the night sky.

They are the healers of the universe or the Northern Lights.



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The application is available at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca) or contact the Housing Department at 705-753-6973 to obtain one.

**Application deadline is Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** Open to NFN Members 18+ years of age.



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Anishinaabemwin Community Classes from 6pm - 8pm  
Mondays @ Nbisong Secondary School  
Wednesdays @ Church Hall in Garden Village

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Annual Christmas Tea  
11am - 4pm @ GV Gym

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**Baby & Me**  
10am - 1pm @ NFN Kendaaswin

**Council Meeting**  
7:30pm @ Council Chambers, Garden Village

Open 9am - 4pm

**Flu Clinic**  
3pm - 5:30pm @ Health Centre

**Computer Night**  
6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin

Open Sew  
6pm - 9pm @ Culture Centre

Traditional Hunting for Youth @ TBA

Moccasin Making  
9am-4pm @ Band Office

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Family Christmas Cookie Baking & Decorating  
1pm - 4pm @ LCHC Boardroom

Moccasin Making  
9am-4pm @ Band Office

Rendering Bear Fat  
9am - Noon @ Culture Centre

Cannabis Consultation  
6pm - 8pm @ Nbisong School

Diners' Club  
11am - 1pm in GV

Cannabis Consultation  
6pm - 8pm @ GV Gym

Kids' Movie Night  
6pm - 8pm @ Library

Paint Night w/ Jules  
6pm - 10pm @ Culture Centre

Pizza & Leafs Game  
7pm - 10pm @ New Wing Band Office

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Emergency Access & Ontario Works  
Open 9am - 12pm

Holiday Celebration Drum Social  
6pm - 12am @ GV Gym

Christmas Break - Offices Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>

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Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season

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06	07	08 Outdoor Activities 6pm - 8pm @ Outdoor Rink  Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Council Chambers, Garden Village	09 FoodBank Open 9am - 4pm  Diner's Club 11am - 1pm @ Gym Complex  Computer Night 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	10 Pizza & Leafs Game 7pm - 10pm @ New Wing, Band Office	11	12 Transportation to Dokis for Round Dance 5pm - 1am
13 Kids' Social 1pm - 4pm @ TBA	14	15 Baby & Me 10am - 1pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	16 Craft Night 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	17 Pizza & Leafs Game 7pm - 10pm @ New Wing, Band Office	18 Teen Night 6pm - 10pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	19 Birch Bark Bowls Time TBA @ Culture Centre
20	21 Game Night 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	22 Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Council Chambers, Garden Village	23 FoodBank Open 9am - 4pm  Kids' Movie Night 6pm - 8pm @ NFN Kendaaswin	24	25	26 Ribbon Skirts & Drumsticks 10am - 4pm @ New Wing, Band Office
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