



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

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Council Meetings:

October 6th @ 7:30pm *Garden Village*

October 20th @ 7:30pm *Garden Village*

Please submit agenda items by 4pm on the Thursday prior to the meeting to Freda Martel at (705) 753-2050 ext. 1223 or email to <u>fredam@nfn.ca</u>.

First Nations Issues Candidates Forum

With federal election candidates for the Nipissing-Timiskaming Riding

Monday, October 5th ~ Don't Miss It!

Doors Open @ 6:30pm | Event Starts at 7:00pm

Nbisiing Secondary School ~ 469B Couchie Memorial Drive

Join us for an interactive conversation and Q&A session with federal election candidates about First Nations issues, including Education, Health, Legal Rights, Social Justice, Environment and Consultation.

This is your chance to ask questions and hear more about how the candidates' party platforms might address some of your areas of interest or concern.

Event Moderator:	Maurice Switzer
Confirmed Participants:	Anthony Rota, Liberal Party Candidate Kathleen Jodouin, NDP Candidate Nicole Peltier, Green Party Candidate

If you have any questions about this event, or to request transportation, please contact Gen Couchie at (705) 753-2050 ext. 1270 or genc@nfn.ca.

Election Day is Monday, October 19th

Advance Polls - October 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th from 12pm - 8pm Jocko Point Community Centre - 1082 Jocko Point Road

Regular Polls on Election Day - October 19th from 9am - 9pm

<u>Nbisiing Secondary School</u> - 469B Memorial Drive (Duchesnay) <u>Jocko Point Community Centre</u> - 1082 Jocko Point Road (Jocko Point) <u>Nipissing First Nation Complex</u> - 36 Semo Road (Garden Village)

You can also vote at the Nipissing-Timiskaming Elections Canada office, located at 630 Brennan Street in North Bay, <u>before October 13th</u> or vote by mail by *applying* to vote by mail <u>before October 13th</u>.

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More information about Registering to Vote and your Voting Options on page 2.

Information about Voting in the Federal Election

Register to Vote

To vote, you must be registered. You can register at your polling place just before you vote, but it's easier and faster when you register ahead of time.

- **Register online** by October 13 at 6pm using the <u>Online Voter Registration Service</u> at <u>elections.ca</u>. Proof of name and address accepted: Driver's license (from any province or territory except Quebec)
- **Register in person** by October 13 at 6pm at the local Elections Canada office (630 Brennan Street, North Bay)
- **Register by mail** by October 13 at 6pm by calling the local Elections Canada office (1-866-256-9929) to request a registration form, or download the form from <u>elections.ca</u>. More information about voting by mail is provided below.

To register and vote, you must present one piece of government issued ID with your photo, name and current address (such as a Driver's License - *status cards are not accepted as photo ID*), **OR** two pieces of ID (such as your status card, birth certificate, debit/credit card, bank/utility statement, confirmation of residence letter*, etc.) Both must show your name and one must also show your current address.

*Confirmation of Residence Letters are available from the NFN Band Office. The full list of the documents that are accepted as ID is available at the Band Office and at <u>elections.ca</u>.

If you cannot provide proof of your current address, show two pieces of ID with your name and have someone who knows you present to attest to your address. This person must show proof of identity and address, be registered in the same polling division, and attest for only one person.

How & Where to Vote

1. Vote at the Nipissing-Timiskaming Elections Canada office before October 13:

<u>Corpus Christi School</u>, 630 Brennan Street, North Bay Weekdays 9am - 9pm, Saturdays 9am - 6pm, Sundays & Holidays 12pm - 4pm

Call the local Elections Canada office at 1-866-256-9929 if you have any questions

2. Vote at the Advance Polls - October 9, 10, 11 & 12:

Jocko Point Community Centre, 1082 Jocko Point Road from 12pm - 8pm

3. Vote at the Regular Polls on Election Day - Monday, October 19:

<u>Nbisiing Secondary School</u>, 469B Couchie Memorial Drive (Duchesnay) from 9am - 9pm <u>Jocko Point Community Centre</u>, 1082 Jocko Point Road (Jocko Point) from 9am - 9pm <u>Nipissing First Nation Complex</u>, 36 Semo Road (Garden Village) from 9am - 9pm

4. Vote by Mail: You must *apply* to vote by mail by Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm. Apply as soon as possible to allow time for your special ballot voting kit to reach you and for your marked ballot to reach Elections Canada by election day. You can apply online at <u>elections.ca</u> (download and print Application for Registration and Special Ballot), call the local Elections Canada office (1-866-256-9929) to request an form by mail and mail back your completed form with proof of identity and address by October 13.

UPDATES

Fire Prevention Week 2015: October 4-10

This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Increasingly, having a working smoke alarm near your bedroom area(s) and at each level of a residence is required by law.

There are new types of smoke alarms that can be electronically interconnected wirelessly. For example, if smoke activates an alarm in the basement of a house, all the home's smoke alarms will sound simultaneously regardless of how far away they are from the smoke's source.

Therefore, if smoke alarms are installed voluntarily in each bedroom, you are immediately alerted and gain precious seconds to deal with the situation and safely escape from a house fire.

Accordingly, it is recommended that smoke alarms be installed in each bedroom.



Chief Scott McLeod and Councillor Jason Laronde speak with the Ontario Natural Resources and Forestry Minister Bill Mauro about fisheries at the Anishinabek-Ontario Summit held in Fort William First Nation on August 26th. – *Photo courtesy of anishinabeknews.ca*

Community Meetings re: Fisheries

At the time of preparing this October newsletter, the Community Meetings to provide background information and updates about the current state of the fishery and Council's decision to close the commercial walleye fishery early this year had not yet taken place. Meetings were scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd in Garden Village and Thursday, September 24th in Duchesnay.

Council's decision to close the commercial walleye fishery effective August 22nd until the end of the Spring Moratorium was driven by 3 key factors:

- #1 Community Consultation Recommendations from 2014
- #2 NFN Natural Resources Department Data & Recommendations
- #3 Responsible Stewardship & Doing Our Part to Conserve Resources

In an open letter to NFN citizens dated September 11, 2015, Chief McLeod wrote:

"Some have said that we are attacking treaty rights by closing the commercial fishery. Some feel that we are relinquishing our authority to the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF). Nothing could be further from the truth To the first point, our rights are collective in nature and are dependent on our continued existence as a strong nation of people. They are not bestowed upon each of us individually - we share them because of our connection to each other and to the lands and waters that we have shared since time immemorial. If we sever our connection to the land and waters, or our relationship with the animals that live in them, then we have no rights. If there are no fish, there are no rights. Further, we are moving to *protect* our jurisdiction by acting to *prevent* the MNRF from unilaterally acting against us, as they have in the past and will again if we stay on this path."

UPDATES



Call APS or 911 if a bear poses a threat to personal safety

Reports of Bears

We continue to receive reports of bears in the Yellek area, and in other NFN communities. The following information may be useful to residents who want to know more about how to report - and prevent - an encounter with a bear, and what to do if you encounter a bear.

Report a Bear Problem

If you feel that a bear poses an <u>immediate threat to personal safety</u>, please call the **Anishinabek Police Service at (705) 472-0270**, Monday to Friday during office hours, or **call 911 after hours**. For non-emergency encounters, call the Bear Wise reporting line: 1-866-514-2327.

Prevent a Bear Problem

Never purposely feed bears (or any wildlife), or try to approach them. Limit food sources by ensuring that garbage is disposed of properly and secured in appropriate containers, and making sure that there are no other food sources in your yard (i.e. bird feeders, pet food, BBQ grease, etc.)

Please also dispose of fish waste properly by taking it to the dump during their regular hours.

To view the complete notice and for links to <u>Bear Wise information</u>, please visit <u>www.ontario.ca/page/report-bear-problem-bear-wise</u> or contact Gen Couchie at (705) 753-2050 ext. 1270 or genc@nfn.ca to request a copy by mail or email.

Reminder: NFN and the MNRF do not trap, tranquilize, or relocate bears.

Mooz Miikan Gate Installation

The installation of a new locking gate at the entrance to Mooz Miikan has been completed.

NFN members can obtain a gate key from the Band Office for \$5.

Please note that if you already have a key for the Mukwa Miikan gate (landfill), you **do not** need to obtain a new key. Your current key will provide access to both gates (Mooz & Mukwa Miikan).

The purpose of this new locking gate is to prevent trespassing and the dumping of waste of any kind on NFN lands.

We will be monitoring access to Mooz Miikan using a database of key holders and also plan to install surveillance equipment to record unauthorized use of these lands.

Landfill Hours

Saturday to Tuesday 9:00am - 5:00pm



Contact Us

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Nbisiing Secondary School provides students access to Dual Credits at Canadore College Learn more at <u>dualcredits.com</u>.



The School, College, Work Initiative is sponsored jointly by the Ministries of Education and Training, Colleges and Universities, and provides senior high school students with opportunities to earn high school credits while studying at a local college or taking apprenticeship training. As a Nbisiing Secondary School student, your son or daughter can "try out" a college program at no cost.

This semester, three of our students are taking courses delivered by Canadore College on campus in the afternoons. Costs for transportation, books, and supplies are all covered by the *School, College, Work Initiative*.

Meegwyn Alisappi is taking Early Childhood Education and Mackenzie Couchie is taking Practical Nursing.

Nbisiing hosts FASD Presentation on September 9th

On September 9th, students had the opportunity to participate in an Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) presentation where we learned about the negative effects that are possible when alcohol is consumed during pregnancy. These effects can last a lifetime.

Anything a mother consumes while pregnant is shared with the baby via the placenta. Alcohol and drugs can affect the development of the baby's brain, major internal organs, or overall growth. They can cause physical and mental defects in the baby or FASD.

The effects of FASD vary with each child and will change as the child ages. There is no cure for FASD but it is *preventable* by not drinking alcohol during pregnancy or breastfeeding. There is NO SAFE AMOUNT of alcohol to drink while pregnant. If you have any concerns about prenatal alcohol consumption or if you suspect FASD, consult a health care provider. The best thing to do is get support!

After a presentation involving a personal story of struggle, students had the chance to play a jeopardy game about FASD and win lots of prizes including \$5 gift cards, duffle bags full of prizes from the Métis Nation and an Xbox. They also provided a delicious hot breakfast!



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What's Happening This Month...



Hepatitis C Information Session - Tuesday, October 6th

Nbisiing Secondary School from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Facilitator: Kristina Rancourt of the AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area

Hepatitis C 101:

- #1 Blood-borne virus in Canada
- 5 times the rate of HIV infection
- Lots of individuals don't know they have it!
- Increase in referrals from younger people
- The rate of known new infections is around 5 times higher among Aboriginal people in Canada.
- How to protect yourself from getting it

For more information, please call (705) 753-3312. Everyone Welcome!

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8th Annual Mental Illness Awareness Week Event - Wednesday, October 7th NFN Community Complex from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Let's Face This - Together, we can help reduce the stigma around Mental Illness & Addictions, offer support and inspire hope. Join us for dinner and a presentations. Transportation available by calling (705) 753-3312 by 4:00pm on Monday, October 5th. This year's theme is: *Truth, Reconciliation & Wellness*

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Trip to Niagara Falls - For Adults 21-54 years of age Hosted by the Nipissing First Nation Health Committee *Please call to register starting <u>Tuesday, October 6th</u>*



Cost: \$50.00 per person. Includes transportation and accommodations (2 people per room) at the Fallsview Comfort Inn in Niagara Falls.

All other costs (meals, entertainment, etc.) are the responsibility of the participant.

How Do I Sign Up?

In fairness to all community members, we will only start accepting names to hold seats starting at 8:30am on <u>Tuesday, October 6th</u>. You must call to reserve your seat, and pay the cost in full, by <u>Friday, October 16th</u>. *We will only accept 2 names per call. If cancellation is required, it must be done 48 hours (2 days) before departure.*

Trip Details

Bus will leave the Band office at 6:00am on Friday, October 23 and return on Saturday, October 24, leaving Niagara Falls at approximately 3:00pm.

For more information, please call (705) 753-3312.

Motor Coach financially funded by Chief & Council.



from the desk of the Health Promotion Worker for the Right Path Counselling & Prevention Service

On Wednesday, October 7th, we will be celebrating our 8th Annual Mental Illness Awareness Week with dinner and presentations at the Community Complex in Garden Village from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. This year, our theme is focusing on *Truth, Reconciliation & Wellness*.

What is Mental Illness?

We are very fortunate to have community members come out to speak on this important topic. Having good mental health means striking a balance in all aspects of your life: social, physical, spiritual, economic and mental. Reaching a balance is a learning process. Mental illnesses can take many forms, just as physical illnesses do. Mental illnesses are still feared and misunderstood by many people, but the fear will disappear as people learn more about them. No one - regardless of social status, economic condition or educational level - is immune from suffering from mental illness.

Who is Affected by Mental Illness?

Mental illness can affect anyone, regardless of intelligence, social class or income level. People who live with mental health conditions are often plagued by stigma as well as discrimination. Stigma is a mark of disgrace that sets a person apart. When a person is labelled by their illness, they are seen as part of a stereotyped group. Negative attitudes create prejudice which can lead to negative actions and discrimination. Three out of four people with a mental illness report that they have experienced stigma.

The Stigma that Surrounds Mental Illness

Stigma brings experiences and feelings of shame, blame, hopelessness, distress, misrepresentation in the media, and leads to a reluctance to seek and/or accept necessary help. A person with a mental health problem has a higher risk of having a substance use problem, just as a person with a substance use problem has an increased chance of having a mental health problem. People who have combined, or concurrent, substance use and mental health problems are said to have concurrent disorders. Concurrent disorders can include combinations such as:

- an anxiety disorder and a drinking problem
- schizophrenia and cannabis dependence
- borderline personality disorder and heroin dependence
- depression and dependence on sleeping pills.

Many other concurrent disorders are possible, because there are many types of mental health and substance use problems. Concurrent disorders are also sometimes called dual disorders, dual diagnosis, or co-occurring substance use and mental health problems. The most common combinations are substance use disorders + anxiety disorders, and substance use disorders + mood disorders.

How Common are Concurrent Disorders?

- 30% of people diagnosed with a mental health disorder will also have a substance use disorder at some time in their lives. This is close to twice the rate found in people who do not have a history of a mental health disorder.
- 37% of people diagnosed with an alcohol disorder will have a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. This is close to twice the rate found in people who do not have a lifetime history of a substance use disorder.
- 53% of people diagnosed with a substance use disorder (other than alcohol) will also have a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. This is close to four times the rate found in people who do not have a lifetime history of a substance use disorder.

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Anxiety Disorders

In general, 10 to 25% of all people will have an anxiety disorder in their lifetime. Among people who have had an anxiety disorder in their lifetime, 24% will have a substance use disorder in their lifetime, co-occurring substance use and mental health problems.

Major Depression

In general, 15 to 20% of all people will have major depression in their lifetime. Among people who have had major depression in their lifetime, 27% will have a substance use disorder in their lifetime.

Bipolar Disorder

In general, one to two per cent of all people will have bipolar disorder in their lifetime. Among people who have had bipolar disorder in their lifetime, 56% will have a substance use disorder in their lifetime.

Schizophrenia

In general, one per cent of all people will have schizophrenia in their lifetime. Among those who have had schizophrenia in their lifetime, 47% will have a substance use disorder in their lifetime.

When do Concurrent Disorders Begin?

Mental health and substance use problems can begin at any time: from childhood to old age. When problems begin early and are severe, recovery will probably take longer, and the person will need to work harder and have more support. On the other hand, if the problem is caught and treated early, the person has a better chance of a quicker and fuller recovery. People often ask, "Which came first: the mental health problem or the substance use problem?" This is a hard question to answer. Often it is more useful to think of them as independent problems that interact with each other.

For more information on Mental Health or Addiction issues, call us at

Giyak~Moseng - The Right Path Counselling & Prevention Services (705) 753-1375

Lori-Anne, Cheryl, Dr. Brenda, Lisa L, Julie, Maxine, & Janice



2015 PRIZE WINNERS

Grand Prize Winner (Striiv Smart Watch Pedometer) *Lisa S. Beaucage*

Second Prize Winner (\$20.00 Good Food Box Voucher)

Miigwech to everyone who participated in our second annual **Just Move It - Niigaan Moseg 2015** Walking Program!

From **July 13th to September 4**th program participants took a total of

10,764,971 steps!

Third Prize Winners (tote full of healthy living goodies):

- 1. Marianna Couchie
- 2. Julie Coote
- 3. Joanne Gibouleau
- Ryden Hanzlik
- 5. Carolyn Lariviere
- 6. Liz McLeod
- 7. Jeff Hanzlik
- 8. Pat Campeau
- 9. Joan Fisher
- 10. Randy Restoule

NIWIIDOOKTAADMIN CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

We are looking for community members who are interested in becoming part of **Niwidooktaadmin Critical Incident Response Team.** Individuals will become part of an organized team that is called upon to support other community members during times of critical events. Training will be provided for all new members! *If you previously identified an interest, please call or email to confirm your continued interest.*

For more information, please call Dr. Brenda Restoule at 753-1375 ext. 2242 or email drbrenda@nfn.ca.



Facts about Flu Season

It's not possible to predict what this flu season will be like. Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways. While flu spreads every year, the timing, severity, and length of the season varies from one year to the next.

Who should get vaccinated?

Everyone should get vaccinated, especially people who work, or are in frequent contact, with:

- Any child under the age of 5 years old; daycares, parents, grandparents
- Any person 65 years of age and older; nursing homes, home care
- Any person that has a chronic medical condition

Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk for serious flu complications, and their close contacts.

People at High Risk for Developing Flu-Related Complications:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women (and women up to two weeks post-partum)
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- Aboriginals tend to be at higher risk of flu complications

People who have medical conditions, including:

- Asthma
- Neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions
- Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)
- Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
- Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)
- Endocrine disorders (such as diabetes mellitus)
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders
- Weakened immune system due to disease or medication (such as people with HIV or AIDS, or cancer, or those on chronic steroids)
- People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- People who are morbidly obese

What flu viruses does this season's vaccine protect against?

Flu vaccines are designed to protect against the main flu viruses that research suggests will be the most common during the upcoming season. Three kinds of flu viruses commonly circulate among people today: influenza A (H1N1) viruses, influenza A (H3N2) viruses, and influenza B viruses.

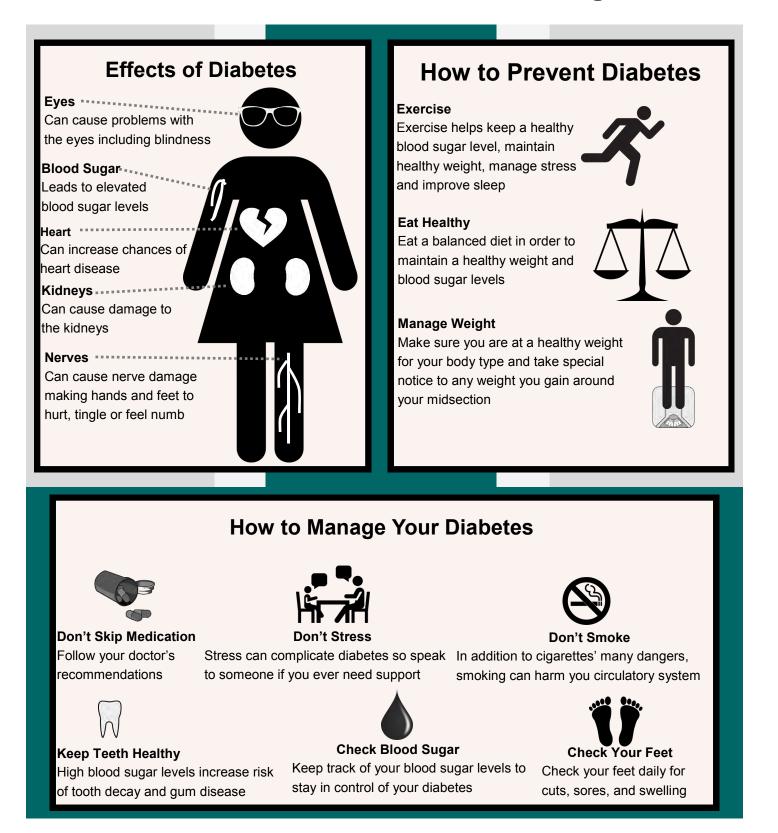


Flu Clinics are in the process of being scheduled. Stay tuned for times and locations in Garden Village and Duchesnay starting in mid-October.



HEALTH SERVICES

Diabetes Effects, Prevention & Management



For more information please contact the diabetes program at (705) 753-3312.

HEALTH SERVICES

Kids Can Cook with Confidence



LEVEL 1 PROGRAM

For 7 to 10 year-olds who haven't attended before

4 week program that runs on Wednesdays:

October 14th, 21st & 28th and November 4th 4:00pm to 5:45pm in LCHC Boardroom

ONLY 6 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE Register by Friday, October 9th

Contact Cheryl Shawana at 753-1375 to register or for more information.

October Hours 17 Philip Avenue, Garden Village ~ 753-6972

CLOSED on Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving **OPEN** on Tuesday, October 13th from 8:30am - 12:00pm

REGULAR HOURS:

Mondays from 1:00pm - 4:30pm & Fridays from 8:30am - 12:00pm

Please contact Lisa Vega at (705) 753-6972 or lisav@nfn.ca if you have any questions.

We are inviting community members to Volunteer for Good Food Box and Diners' Club

Good Food Box is every third Thursday of the month.

• Volunteers are needed between 8:30am - 3:30pm for grocery pick-up, packing and delivery

Diners' Club every second Wednesday of the month.

Volunteers are needed between 8:30am - 3:30pm for set up, cooking and clean up

Please contact Evelyn Chevrier @ (705) 753-3312 ext. 2229

Gym Nights in Garden Village

NFN Community Complex Gym

Mondays & Wednesdays

Date	Ages		Activity
Monday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Dice Cube Soccer
Oct. 5	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Goalie Soccer
Wednesday	•	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Capture the Flag
Oct. 7		6:00pm - 8:00pm	Floor Hockey
Monday Oct. 12	Thanksgivir	ng Holiday	NO ACTIVITIES
Wednesday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Beach Ball Volleyball
Oct. 14	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Catapult Kick Ball
Monday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Skipping Games
Oct. 19	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Steal the Bacon
Wednesday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Beat the Leader
Oct. 21	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 7:30pm	4 Feet Ball
Monday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Tennis Foot Hockey
Oct. 26	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Floor Hockey
Wednesday	Ages: 6-12	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Hallowe'en Themed Games
Oct. 28	Ages: 13-18	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Floor Hockey - Older Group



Gym Nights in Duchesnay

Nbisiing Secondary School Gym

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Date	Ages		Activity	
Tuesday Oct. 6	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Tennis Foot Hockey Indoor Lacrosse	
Thursday Oct. 8	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Dice Cube Soccer Tag Games	
Tuesday Oct. 13	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Catapult Kick Ball Capture the Flag	
Thursday Oct. 15	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Goalie Soccer Badminton	
Tuesday Oct. 20	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Blind Volleyball Scooter Volleyball	
Thursday Oct. 22	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Scooter Play Dodgeball Games	
Tuesday Oct. 27	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Floor Hockey Noodle Hockey	
Thursday Oct. 29	Ages: 6-12	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Hallowe'en Themed Games	



Youth Activities

P.D. Day Activities @ NFN Library

Monday, October 5th from 9:00am - 4:00pm

Refreshments, lunch and light snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact: Natalie at (705) 753-2691 ext. 1323 or <u>natalieo@nfn.ca</u> OR Christina at (705) 753-6997 or <u>christinab@nfn.ca</u>.

DRUM MAKING FOR YOUTH @ Culture Centre

with Tory Fisher and Blair Beaucage



Saturday, October 17th & Saturday, October 24th from 9:00am - 12:00pm | Ages 10-18 years

Space for 8 Youth - Participants must be available to attend BOTH sessions. Transportation available.

A parent/family member is invited to attend to assist their child/youth with the making of the drum and to hear the teachings. Lunch provided on October 24th to celebrate the completion of the drums!

Please RSVP with Julie or Maxine by calling (705) 753-1375 by Friday, October 9th.



PAINT BALL EVENT @ Pyramid Paintball

Sunday, October 18th from 10:00am - 2:00pm | Ages 14-18 years

<u>Registration Deadline</u>: Thursday, October 15th at 4:00pm. Call Ashley at (705) 753-6971 to register. **<u>Cost</u>: \$10/person** (non-refundable). * Players must sign Rental & Liability Waiver *

Four hours of non-stop action! No previous experience required. Transportation Available.

FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT @ Culture Centre

Wednesday, October 21st starting at 5:30pm | Open to all families

Snacks and refreshments provided. For more information or to register, please contact: Natalie at (705) 753-2691 ext. 1323 or <u>natalieo@nfn.ca</u> OR Christina at (705) 753-6997 or <u>christinab@nfn.ca</u>.

Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult/parent and supervised at all times.

Pumpkin and carving tools will be provided. You could win a prize!



The Babysitters Training Course

CALL-OUT FOR PARTICIPANTS - MINIMUM OF 10 PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

The course will be facilitated by a qualified Red Cross instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming as well as hands-on exercises. Other areas of focus will include:

- Interviewing skills for babysitting positions
- Choosing safe and age appropriate toys & games
- How to perform basic First Aid
- Handling bed time issues
- Learn tips to having a safe babysitting experience

Participants are encouraged to bring their own paper and pen, as well as their own doll or teddy bear. Peanut-free lunch will be provided. Participants receive certificates upon *successful* completion of the course.

This is a FREE course, but we must have a minimum of participants to offer the course. For more information or to register, contact Natalie: (705) 753-2691 ext. 1323 or <u>natalieo@nfn.ca</u>

After School Kids Social

A program for working families who need the extra time, support and reassurance that their children are safe after school. We will provide a safe and healthy environment to socialize in while waiting for parents to get home. Healthy snacks will be provided. Activities will include crafts, board games, movies, story telling, sharing circle, smudging, teachings and homework. For more information or to register, contact Natalie: (705) 753-2691 ext. 1323 or <u>natalieo@nfn.ca</u>.

Program starts October 15th and runs every Thursday from 3:30pm to 6:00pm at the Library.

LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS

We are looking for families to open their homes, be a loving foster parent and role model to Native Children in CAS care.

We all need to feel safe, wanted and loved. Welcome a child into your Eagle's Nest. Eagle's Nest will complete home studies, and train and prepare you to be a foster parent.

If you are interested, please call Peggy at (519) 439-3000 or contact Natalie at the Native Child Welfare office at (705) 753-2691 for more information.

www.eaglesnestinc.ca





What's Happening This Month...



Traditional Teaching with Peter Beaucage Thursday, October 15th 10:00am

Garden Village, Culture Centre Topic: Funerals, Wakes & Sacred Fire Teaching



Cultural Arts with Brenda Lee <u>Friday, Oct. 2nd & Saturday, Oct. 3rd</u> 10:00am - 2:30pm

Garden Village, Culture Centre

Cultural Arts with Dan Commanda

Saturday, Oct. 24th & Sunday, Oct. 25th 10:00am - 2:30pm Duchesnay, Nbisiing Secondary School

\$10 Program Fee per day to cover materials



Full Moon Ceremony with Virginia Goulais Tuesday, October 27th 7:30pm Garden Village, Culture Centre Tenth Moon of Creation Binaakwii Giizis

Call Out for Cultural Facilitators



Call Out for ALL cultural and traditional people who would like to apply to be part of a resource bank for Facilitators, and people to perform Cultural Workshops.

We are looking for Facilitators for activities such as Cultural Arts, Drum Making, Drum Socials and Traditional Ceremonies.

Applicants must be walking a good path and have a current CPIC. All applications will be reviewed and qualified persons will be reviewed by a committee. **Please apply by 4:30pm on <u>Friday, October 23rd to:</u>**

- Jennifer Lalonde, Human Resources Manager 36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2
- Fax: (705) 753-0207 Email: jenniferl@nfn.ca

Other Events & Updates

- Community Memorial Feast Ceremony Sunday, November 1st at 2pm at Nbisiing School
 A community gathering to honour and feast our loved ones who have passed to the spirit realm. Please
 bring your semaa and the favourite foods of your loved ones who have passed over. Each person will
 speak for their loved ones and offer the food. Facilitator: Peter Beaucage
- Please note there is **NO Ladies Drum or Men's Circle** for the months of October and November.
- Anishinaabemwin Language Classes are every Wednesday evening from 6pm 9pm at the Church Basement in Garden Village, and from 6pm 9pm at Nbisiing Secondary School in Duchesnay.

For more information about Cultural programs, contact Jules Armstrong (705) 753-2050 ext. 1260 or julesa@nfn.ca

www.nfnculture.ca



27th Annual Pow Wow a Huge Success

Nbisiing experienced another successful Pow Wow on Labour Day weekend with approximately 3,500 visitors from other First Nations, and outlying communities, as well as our families, elders and children. **Gchi Miigwech** to everyone who assisted with the huge task of welcoming people to our home territory to celebrate:

Nipissing First Nation Staff & Departments:

Beautification Crew: cut grass/cut trees (fire wood), assisted with many other jobs to prepare grounds

Economic Development: provided a staff member to help prepare grounds

Lawrence Commanda Health Centre: sponsored two shuttle buses and managed First Aid tent

Library: helped with weeks of preparation work, including making signs and invitations, etc.

Nbisiing Bus Lines: sponsored a small bus to tend to the crowds that quickly exceeded capacity of vans in use

Ojibway Women's Lodge: baked and donated a large volume of pies

Public Works: removal of brush and garbage, cut down trees, delivered and returned supplies

Miigwech also to staff who took on coordinator roles at the Pow Wow: Samantha West as Treasurer, Eleanor McLeod as Volunteer coordinator, Ruby Greene as Feast coordinator.

Nipissing First Nation Businesses & Private Contractors:

Private Contractor: Jim Couchie - built Elders shelters
Private Contractor: Doug Archer - leveled top soil/A gravel/disposed of garbage
Challenger Mobile Wash: Bob Couchie - pressure washed benches/fire pit
Young Forestry Services: Brian Young - removal of stumps/donated posts



Community Members & Volunteers:

Alex Armstrong Amber Holst April Goulais Bella McLeod Blair Beaucage Brandon Bower Brandon Brock Brent Commanda Cassandra Commanda Cherida Quachegan Christina Beaucage Cody Lariviere Dakota Penasse Dan Commanda Dan Pilon Denis Commanda Doug Laundrie Drew Sands Farrah Lewis Freda Martel Jesse Cornthwaite Ken Dokis Laura Commanda Lily Armstrong Luc Martel Marie Stevens Meriza George & Daughters Mindy Martel Mitch Dokis Willie Stevens Wylden Ray Youth Rangers (6 people)



And...last, but certainly not least: Gchi Miigwech to Jules Armstrong, who coordinated Nbisiing's largest annual event with her skills of organization, attention to detail and professionalism, and to our Pow Wow Assistant Kelly McLeod for going above and beyond in ensuring that the grounds were in pristine condition before the Pow Wow.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Nbisiing and Canadian Heritage.

Words & Dialogue for October

Binaakwii Giizis - Falling Leaves Moon

KIDWINAN:

(Words for October)

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Waa miijyaan
Mzise
Pdakan
Kaadaakoog
Panjgan
Kosmaani debaate
Nda- wenjge / giiwse

Gchi-miigwech Giizhgak

Thanksgiving Day what to eat turkey potatoes carrots gravy pumpkin pie hunting Nookming Ndooshpe Moozwe Shiishiip Ninship Baarsigan Niige

forest/bush duck hunting moose hunting duck mallard duck gun trapping

DIALOGUE:

Nookming ndi-zhaa. I'm going in the bush

Nwii paa nda-wenjge, giiwse. I'm going hunting.

Paa nda-ndooshpe wedi gaaming wiikwedong. I'm going duck hunting across the lake in the bay.

Wii paa nda-niige, zhashkwak. Same time I will set traps for muskrats.

Nwii-nda moozwemin Maaniigiizhgak. We will go hunting for moose on Saturday.

PRAYER:

Binaakwii Giizis ,nga-bgidnamoon semaa minwa ngdbasendis maa

ge shi-waamdayan .

nga-kwejimin wii-wiidbiminaan njida wii-nsidwinminaan,

ngiizhgoon chi-twaawendaagwag gaa-zhidkaadeg pii niigaan

niispaaknigemgak.

gookmis wii-kwejimin wii-noondmaan n'de pane washme wii mno-mnidoowiyan pii dash a'yaawid mii gonaa ni-mashkawziimgag nda gchi-shkoswin pii Binaakwii Giizis goojing .

mii dash noongam gwedweyaan, Gookmis ,debwewenmishin waa kidyaan ge-enenmaan Mnidoo miikaasing jida moseyaan .

Washme mina pii tkweshkaadyang pii Binaakwii - Giizis

Mii mina eyaayaan. Miigwech

Falling Leaves Moon, I offer my semaa and humble myself to you for what you have shown me. I ask that I may sit and absorb, through my eyes, the miracles of Creation unfolding in front of me.

Gookmis, I hear the sounds of my heart beat with every passing moment becoming more spirit than human. Once again, my spiritual energies are awakened in this union of the Falling Leaves Moon.

I ask forgiveness for what I do not speak of and the things I have forgotten.

So I may be able to respect myself more the next time of the Falling Leaves Moon.

Until then, for all that I am, miigwech.



Fire Prevention Week 2015: October 4-10

This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Increasingly, having a working smoke alarm near your bedroom area(s) and at each level of a residence is required by law.

There are new types of smoke alarms that can be electronically interconnected wirelessly. For example, if smoke activates an alarm in the basement of a house, all the home's smoke alarms will sound simultaneously regardless of how far away they are from the smoke's source.

Therefore, if smoke alarms are installed voluntarily in each bedroom, you are immediately alerted and gain precious seconds to deal with the situation and safely escape from a house fire.

Accordingly, it is recommended that smoke alarms be installed in each bedroom.

Fire Prevention Week BBQs

Nipissing First Nation will recognize Fire Prevention Week 2015 by hosting two free BBQ events in the community. Come out and meet our Volunteer Fire Fighters!

Monday, October 5th at 5:30pm - Garden Village Fire Hall Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30pm - Duchesnay Fire Hall

To receive a free hot dog or hamburger, all you need to do is submit a floor plan of your house. Forms will be provided to draw your layout. Hope to see you there!



Village Marketplace Fall Fest Saturday, November 7th from 10am - 4pm NFN Community Complex

- Brand name products & services
- Crafts, Clothing, Native Crafts & Supplies
- Baked Goods, Gifts & Specialized Health Services
- Refreshments & Lunch can be purchased on site (Little NHL)
- 50/50 Draw

Proceeds to Little NHL 2015. Entry Fee: \$2

Vendor Fees to be paid before table set-up.

<u>Contacts</u>: Cathy: 753-2922 or <u>cathym@nfn.ca</u> Juliette: 753-2922 or <u>juliettem@nfn.ca</u>

FORMS & TENDERS



Nipissing First Nation Chief & Council will provide **low income families** with the benefit of the Santa Fund. Income will need to be verified against the "Low Income Cut-Off Chart" shown below.

All Band member **family units** of the communities of Nipissing First Nation who qualify are encouraged to apply for this benefit no later than <u>November 6, 2015</u>. Please submit a letter of request that includes the ages of your children and indicate if they are male or female. A financial assessment will be completed to ensure applicants qualify for this benefit. Special circumstances can be reviewed at this time.

How to Apply:

Please mail or drop off your requests at the Band Office main reception desk, or the Social Services Department in an envelope clearly marked "Santa Fund".

Your written request form must include the following information:

- Parent or legal guardian name
- Children's name(s) and gender(s)
- Address and phone number

If you have any questions, please contact:

Deborah McLeod at 753-2050 or Ginger Penasse at 753-2058.

Mailing Address: 36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

2012 Low Income Chart			
# of persons	Amount		
1 person	\$16,279		
2 persons	\$20,266		
3 persons	\$24,914		
4 persons	\$30,250		
5 persons	\$34,308		
6 persons	\$38,695		
7 or more persons	\$43,080		

Christmas Distribution Notice

<u>The Christmas Distribution payments will be given out from 10am to 3pm on:</u> Thursday, December 10th at the NFN Complex in Garden Village & Friday, December 11th at Nbisiing Secondary School in Duchesnay.

Registered Nipissing First Nation members will have until March 31, 2016 to pick up their shares. These shares do not accumulate and must be picked up or requested separately each year.

A form is provided for anyone requesting a cheque or direct deposit. Please return the form to the Finance Department by <u>November 13, 2015</u> to receive payment on December 10-11, 2015. The form is also available at <u>www.nfn.ca</u>.

Mail requests to: Nipissing 36 Semo I Garden Vi

Nipissing First Nation 36 Semo Road Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

or email to: <u>finance@nfn.ca</u> or fax to: (705) 753-0207

<u>For those picking up</u>, please have your status card available on Christmas Distribution day to ensure greater efficiency for the payment process. 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 18 still living at home.

These shares will be available at the NFN Finance Department from December 14, 2015 until March 31, 2016.



Christmas Distribution Request Form



The funds will be distributed starting **December 10, 2015** until **March 31, 2016**. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. These shares do not accumulate and must be picked up or requested separately each year. This form <u>must</u> be filled out and **sent each year**. Please return the form to the Finance Department by <u>November 13, 2015</u> in order to receive payment on December 10-11, 2015. Additional forms are available at <u>www.nfn.ca</u> or at the Band Office.

Please have your status card available on distribution day to ensure greater efficiency for the payment process. **<u>NOTE</u>: <u>Third party pick-ups are no longer permitted</u>; however one can collect for a spouse and a parent may collect for children <u>under the age of 18 still living at home</u>.** **Applicants 18 yrs of age or older must complete their own application***

Mail requests to:

Nipissing First Nation 36 Semo Road Garden Village ON P2B 3K2 or email to: <u>finance@nfn.ca</u> or fax to: (705) 753-0207

Please choose:

Cheque or; (US/UK applicants will be mailed a money order, direct deposit not available for out of country banks)
 Direct Deposit/EFT (bank info <u>MUST</u> be an account in your name, cannot be deposited in someone else's acct)

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name
Registry Number (Band number 10	digits starts with 2200)		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Address				Apt/Unit
City		Province		Postal Code
Telephone No.		Email Address	s	
Bank info on file? Yes - on file from previous year No - provide info below and/or a		Name & Addr	ess of Financial Institution (for di	rect deposits)
Branch Number (3 digits)	Transit Number (5 digits)	Account Num	ber (minimum 7 digits up to 12 di	gits)

Please list dependents below - For the purpose of Christmas Distribution "dependent means a spouse or a minor child who are band members and for whom you have custody."

Family name	Given name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Registry # (10-digit) Start with 2200
			2200
			2200
			2200
			2200
			2200
			2200
Signature- Required		Date	

REMINDER

Christmas Distribution will be applied to any outstanding money owing to the Band at the time of distribution.

Snowplowing Tenders

Seeking Bids for Commercial Lots

Tenders are being accepted from Nipissing First Nation members for the 2015-2016 winter season as follows:

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS - GARDEN VILLAGE

- Old Day Care Centre including parking lot in front of Holy Spirit Church (including laneway in between church and old daycare)
- Lawrence Commanda Health Centre Building
- Senior's Apartment Unit
- Garden Village Fire Hall (Including Parking Lot)
- Wellness Centre (Including the Fisheries Building)
- Early Years, Mental health & Housing (316 Ted Commanda Drive)
- Triplex Units in Sub-Division (both triplexes)

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS - DUCHESNAY

• Ojibway Women's Lodge (OFRC)

For additional information, please contact Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager at 753-2050, ext. 1220

Tenders bid forms provided must be used and they must indicate the price per driveway and total cost for contract when bidding.

The successful contractor must provide a Clearance Certificate from W.S.I.B. and Proof of Liability Insurance prior to the commencement of the project.

Seal tender and mark: Snowplowing Commercial Lots

Please submit bids clearly marked:

"SNOWPLOWING TENDERS, 36 SEMO ROAD, GARDEN VILLAGE, ON P2B 3K2 NIPISSING FIRST NATION" TO THE ATTENTION OF DWAYNE NASHKAWA

no later than: Friday, October 16th, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Snowplowing Tenders

Seeking Bids for Seniors' Driveways

Tenders are being accepted from Nipissing First Nation members for the 2015-2016 winter season as follows:

SENIORS DRIVEWAYS - GARDEN VILLAGE & VLA

27 driveways Seniors Program	\$
10 driveways Home and Community Care Program	\$
SENIORS DRIVEWAYS—DUCHESNAY & YELLEK	
30 driveways Seniors Program	\$
9 driveways Home and Community Care Program	\$
SENIORS DRIVEWAYS: MEADOWSIDE / BEAUCAGE	
7 driveways Seniors Program	\$
2 driveways Home and Community Care Program	\$

For additional information, please contact Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager at 753-2050, ext. 1220

** This is the tender bid form that must be used and you must indicate the price per driveway and total cost for contract when bidding. Be sure to specify individual amounts as the official number of driveways per area may change.

The successful contractor must provide a Clearance Certificate from W.S.I.B. and Proof of Liability Insurance prior to the commencement of the project.

Seal tender and mark: Seniors Snowplowing Tender

Please submit bids clearly marked:

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no later than: Friday, October 16th, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

NFN Monster Bingo ~ \$5,000 JACKPOT

Thursday, October 1st

NFN Community Complex - 36 Semo Road, Garden Village

Doors Open @ <u>4:30pm</u> Mini Bingo Starts @ 6:45pm Regular Bingo Starts @ 7:00pm

Prices: \$20 per strip- 3 strip minimum, at the door only First 80 people have a chance to win \$200

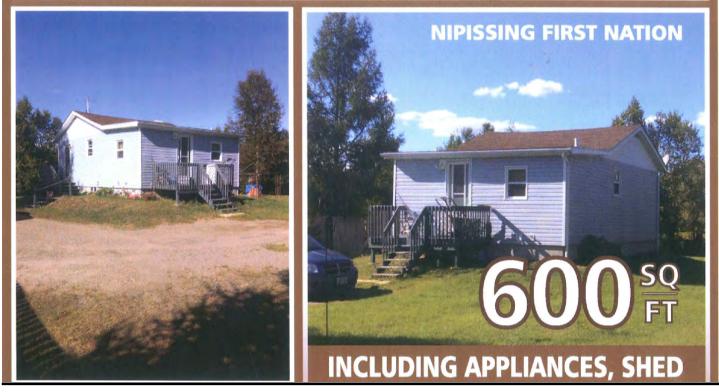
Get current information on our progressive pots by calling (**705**) **753-2180** or Find us on Facebook by searching for "NFN Bingo".

HOUSE FOR SALE

124 Veteran's Road, Sturgeon Falls

\$80,000 or Best Offer

For more information, contact Delia at (705) 753-4917



October 2015

Community Advertising





October 2015

Binaakwii Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Fire Prevention Week BBQs			1 Monster Bingo	2 Cultural Arts w/ Brenda Lee 10am-2:30pm @ Culture Ctr	3 Cultural Arts w/ Brenda Lee 10am-2:30pm @ Culture Ctr
4	GV Firehall	Duchesnay Firehall	7	8	9	10
Candidates Forum w/ federal election candidates for Nip-Timiskaming		Voter Info/ Let's Face This		ADVANCE POLLS Jocko Point: 12pm – 8pm		
N	6:30pm @ Nbisiing School PD Day Activities 9am-4pm @ Library	Hep C Info Session Nbisiing Sch 7-8pm Registration opens for Niagara Falls trip				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ADVANCE POLLS Jocko Point: 12pm – 8pm THANKSGIVING NFN offices closed		Food Bank Open 8:30am – Noon	Kids Can Cook 4pm – 5:45pm @ LCHC Boardroom	Trad. Teaching 10am @CultureCtr After School Kids Social 3:30- 6pm @ Library	Registration deadline for	Drum Making 9am-Noon @
					Niagara Falls trip Deadline for snowplowing bids	Culture Centre Ages 10-18yrs <i>Continued on</i> October 24th
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Paintball @ Pyramid 10am-2pm Ages 14-18 \$10 fee	ELECTION DAY Polls open 9am-9pm Nbisiing School Jocko Point Band Office		Kids Can Cook 4pm – 5:45pm @ LCHC Boardroom Pumpkin Carving 5:30pm @ Culture Centre	After School Kids Social 3:30- 6pm @ Library	Adult Trip to Niagara Falls	Adult Trip to Niagara Falls Cultural Arts W/ Dan C. 10am-2:30pm Nbisiing School
25 Cultural Arts w/ Dan C. 10am-2:30pm Nbisiing School	26	27 Full Moon Ceremony 7:30pm @ Culture Centre	28 Kids Can Cook 4pm – 5:45pm @ LCHC Boardroom	29 After School Kids Social 3:30- 6pm @ Library	30	31 Happy Hallowe'en!

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