



ENKAMGAK

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

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Council Meetings

February 1st & 15th
@ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom




To attend livestreamed Council meetings, please register in advance with Kim Salvaneschi at 705-753-2050 or by email to kims@nfn.ca.

Offices Reopening to Staff on February 7th

All Offices Remain Closed to the Public until Further Notice

On December 7th, we reopened our offices to the public two days a week. Then, the Omicron variant arrived and we returned to remote work measures on December 20th ahead of our two-week Christmas closure. The majority of staff will continue to work remotely until Monday, February 7th when our offices will reopen to staff.

Our Crisis Control Group (CCG) continues to meet bi-weekly to monitor the COVID-19 situation and adapt our pandemic response as needed. Ontario remains in a modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen and plans to gradually ease some public health measures starting on January 31, 2022 as follows:

| Ontario cautiously and gradually easing public health measures | | |
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|  January 31 |  February 21 |  March 14 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social gathering limit of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors • Capacity limit of 50% in indoor public settings, including restaurants • Spectator capacity limit of 50% or 500 people (whichever is less) at facilities such as sporting events and concert venues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social gathering limit of 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors • Removing capacity limits in indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required • Capacity limit of 50% at spectator events, including sporting events and concert venues • Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25% in higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase social gathering limits to 50 people indoors with no limits for outdoor gatherings • Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings. Proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings. • Lifting remaining capacity limits on religious services |

Dates are subject to stable or improving health indicators



As we've previously communicated, NFN's COVID-19 Exit Plan depends on the province progressing beyond Step Three of their Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term as scheduled.

Ontario's return to a modified Step Two has caused us to pause our plans to reopen offices to the public and community spaces for rentals and programming until further notice.

In addition, limited testing capacity and data reporting due to recent changes in provincial guidelines mean that we must remain cautious and do everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Vaccines remain the best line of defense in the fight against this virus and are still available to all ages eligible to receive a first, second or third dose on NFN.

Please see [page 5](#) or more details about vaccines, new testing guidelines and contact tracing support that continues to be offered by our dedicated team of nurses and support staff at NFN Health Services.



LNHL 2022 Tournament Cancelled

Pandemic forces hockey to take a back seat to health & safety for third year in a row

In a news release issued on January 14th, we announced that Nipissing First Nation (NFN) has decided to cancel the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament that we planned to host in Mississauga from March 13-17, 2022.

This decision was made in response to the surge in COVID-19 activity across the province resulting from the highly transmissible Omicron variant and is fully supported by the LNHL Executive Committee.

The return to modified Step 2 measures, including restrictions on recreational facilities and gatherings, as well as limited testing capacity and data reporting due to recent changes in provincial guidelines, signals that we are not moving in the right direction.

The continued uncertainty around aspects of daily life that we used to take for granted – from schools being open, to participating in hockey tournaments, and simply the ability to come together without worrying about the safety of our families and communities – makes it clear that cancelling the tournament is the right decision to make at this time.

“While this isn’t the kind of three-peat anyone aspires to, the decision to cancel the tournament for the third year in a row was made entirely out of concern for the health and safety of First Nation communities across Ontario, especially those unequipped to deal with increased demands on already very limited resources,” said NFN Chief Scott McLeod.

“Although we remain hopeful that the situation will improve in the coming months, this pandemic continues to teach us that we can’t predict what will come next. We all hope that this will come to an end sooner than later, but as many have noted, ‘hope is not a strategy’ and holding a huge hockey tournament amidst an ongoing global pandemic is not a risk that Nipissing First Nation is willing or prepared to take,” Chief McLeod added.

“In these rapidly changing and unpredictable times, your health and safety has always been our top priority,” said LNHL President Marian Jacko. “I would like to thank the NFN LNHL Host Committee and the NFN Chief and Council for their leadership, their support, and their resilience. On behalf of the LNHL Executive, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering dedication and support for the Little NHL.”

Our LNHL Host Committee and the LNHL Executive discussed the possibility of postponing the tournament until later in the year or hosting a regional format. Having considered the many factors involved with these options, we have agreed that a postponement or alternate format is not feasible.

We have also taken into consideration the vast amount of time and resources that NFN staff have devoted to planning this event since 2019. We are mindful and respectful of their other duties as NFN continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the community.

NFN’s Chief and Council will discuss the possibility of Nipissing hosting the LNHL tournament at a later date, however no decision has been made at this time. We will contact our sponsors, partners, volunteers, and special guests in the coming weeks to discuss next steps. We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we work through this.

We know many will be saddened by the cancellation of LNHL 2022, but we trust that the rationale behind our decision is clear and sound. Our leadership, LNHL Host Committee and Executive are equally disappointed given how much time and energy we’ve invested into hosting what would have been an amazing LNHL experience.

Our theme *All Nations, One Family* was intended to be celebrated together. Until we can do so safely again, please keep it in mind as we work together through these difficult times, even if it means staying apart for a little while longer.

[Click here to watch Chief McLeod’s Video Update about the tournament cancellation.](#)

Council Meetings

Council meetings continue to be hosted online via Zoom out of precaution during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact Freda Martel at 705-753-2050 or email fredam@nfn.ca to submit items to the agenda before 4pm on the Thursday prior to each meeting.

Regular meetings of Chief and Council meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

NFN Debendaagzi-waad (members) can register to attend online Chief and Council meetings by contacting:

Kim Salvaneschi
705-753-2050 x1229
or kims@nfn.ca.

For more information and to view the Live Streaming Policy and Privacy Collection Statement, please [click here](#).

To view Council agendas and meeting minutes, please visit: nfn.ca/council-mtgs



Justice for Day Scholars



The Day Scholar Compensation Payment Claims Process is now OPEN. The deadline to apply is October 4, 2023.

A settlement in the Day Scholars Class Action has been approved by the Federal Court, and eligible claimants can apply for the Day Scholar Compensation Payment.

Day Scholars, also known as Survivor Class Members, are people who attended Indian Residential Schools (IRS) as students during the day only but did not sleep there overnight. The Descendant Class Members are the children of Day Scholars.

The settlement agreement provides that every eligible Day Scholar Survivor will be able to make a claim for a Day Scholars Compensation payment of \$10,000. For eligible Day Scholars who were alive as of May 30, 2005, but have died since, a claim can be made on behalf of their estate by an estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator, or if none is appointed, their highest priority heir. Canada will also pay \$50 million to establish the Day Scholars Revitalization Fund for the benefit of the Day Scholar Survivors and their Descendants.

Learn more about the settlement and claims process at justicefordayscholars.com. The online form is available at dayscholarsclaims.com. You can contact the Claims Administrator at 1-877-877-5786 dayscholarsclaims@deloitte.ca to request a paper version or if you have questions about completing the forms.

Treaty Governance Forum

On February 1st & 2nd, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin will be presenting the Treaty Governance Forum featuring Fred Kelly, Darryl Leroux, John Borrows, and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly as speakers.

The forum requires advance registration. Please visit their website for details and the registration link: www.waawiindamaagewin.com/governance-forum



ALCOHOL SALE AND MANUFACTURE ON RESERVE

A virtual discussion forum open to community members on proposed changes to NFN's business licensing law to approve select sales and manufacture of alcohol on reserve

All NFN members and affiliates are welcome!

Wednesday February 16th and 23rd at 6pm

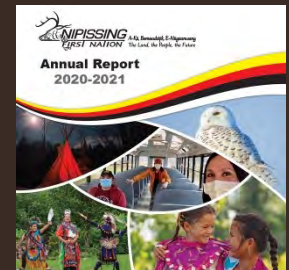
Please RSVP Melissa Penasse at (705) 753 2050 x1265

or at melissap@nfn.ca

2020-2021 Annual Report

Our annual report is posted to the [Publications & Reports](#) section of our website (under the News & Reports menu).

Anyone who would like to receive a hard copy of the report is asked to contact Julie Lambert at 705-753-2050 or juliel@nfn.ca to request one.



LAUNCHING NOW NFN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN— COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Lands and Resources Department is seeking NFN registered members to voice their opinion, concerns and comments on the State of the Environment within the administrative boundaries of Nipissing First Nation.

This information is essential for developing an NFN Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will define Nipissing Nation's approach to critical environmental issues and organize programming actions to achieve specific environmental goals.

While the survey is anonymous, the First 70 community members who provide names (at the end of the study) will receive a gift card valued at \$50.00 and entered into the EMP Grand Prize Draw held on February 11, 2022.

To take part in the survey click on the link.

[NFN's EMP SURVEY 2022](#)

Phone or Tablet? Scan QR Code for Survey



If you have any questions or want to know more about the survey and its purpose, don't hesitate to contact Curtis Avery at curtisa@nfn.ca or phone at 705-753-2050 ext.1290.





Download or print your vaccine certificate

covid19.ontariohealth.ca

Get your COVID-19 Vaccine Record with QR Code

To access your record go to covid19.ontariohealth.ca

- You will need your health card, postal code & date of birth.
- You will need to print or save your record once you retrieve it.

If you have an urgent need for your COVAXON vaccine record, contact: Lisa Beaucage at the Health Centre by calling 705-753-3312 ext. 2259

What to do if you have Symptoms?

All individuals who have symptoms - even if they are mild - or think they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should isolate immediately. This is one of the best things you can do to limit the spread in your community and protect your loved ones.

Individuals with COVID-19 who are fully vaccinated (at least 2 doses) and not immunocompromised, as well as children under 12 years of age, will be required to self-isolate for at least 5 days after the day their symptoms began.

Please visit the [Health Unit's website](https://myhealthunit.ca) for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Vaccines Available for All Ages Eligible within NFN

NFN Health Services continues to offer vaccination clinics for 1st, 2nd and 3rd dose boosters for all ages eligible to receive a vaccine on NFN.

The Health Unit is recommending eight weeks between 1st and 2nd doses for everyone 5 years of age and older. Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible to receive a 3rd dose 84 days after their 2nd dose.

To book an appointment for a child, youth or adult COVID-19 vaccine here at NFN, please call: Lisa Beaucage at **(705) 753-3312 ext. 2259**. If you get voicemail, leave a message with your name and number to receive a call back.

In the face of the rapidly spreading Omicron variant, we must focus on what we *can* control. Continuing to follow public health measures, limiting our close contacts, and doing everything we can to keep ourselves and our community safe.

The best layer of protection is getting vaccinated, and we thank everyone who has rolled up their sleeves to do their part to protect themselves, their loved ones, and our community. Chi-Miigwech.

As of mid-January, our dedicated Health Services team had held over 81 clinics and administered **over 4,300 doses** of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, with 3,881 adult doses of Moderna, 344 Pfizer vaccines to youth between the ages of 12-17 years, and 81 Pfizer vaccines to children between the ages of 5-11 years.

New Testing Guidelines

New testing guidelines include First Nations and people travelling into First Nation communities for work as a priority group, whether you have symptoms or not.

If you are seeking a COVID-19 rapid test or PCR test inform the testing centre or pharmacy that you are from Nipissing First Nation when you schedule the appointment.

To book an appointment at the North Bay Regional Hospital Assessment Centre call 705-474-8600 ext. 4110. To book at the West Nipissing Assessment Centre call 705-753-3110 ext. 357.

The next provincial stock of COVID-19 rapid antigen testing kits is targeted for staff and students in school settings and staff and children in childcare settings. More information will be provided as these kits become available for other settings, including for the broader community.

Please visit the Health Unit's website for more information: [COVID-19 Testing – North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit \(myhealthunit.ca\)](https://myhealthunit.ca)

Contact Tracing

NFN Health Services will continue to support contact tracing for as long as possible to help keep our community safe.

If you have symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19 or are a high-risk exposure to a positive case, call 705-840-8830 and speak with the Community Health Nurse if you have any questions or require guidance. You can also visit the [Health Unit's website](https://myhealthunit.ca) for information about what to do if you have symptoms.

Employment Opportunities

To view the complete job posting, please click on the position titles below, visit nfn.ca/jobs, or call 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail, fax or email.

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Governance Manager (Permanent) – Full Time

1st Round Closes Friday, February 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
2nd Round Closes Friday, February 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, March 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Governance Policy Analyst (Permanent) – Full Time

1st Round Closes Friday, February 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
2nd Round Closes Friday, February 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, March 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Giyak Moseng (The Right Path) Counselling & Prevention Services Manager –

Full Time - 2nd Round Closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Home and Community Care Indigenous Transitions Facilitator – Full Time

3rd Round Closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Recreation Activator – Full Time

1st Round Closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
2nd Round Closes Friday, February 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, March 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Director of Social Services (Permanent) – Full Time

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, February 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Band Representative (Contract) – Full Time, 6 month contract, possible extension

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, February 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Band Representative (Permanent) – Full Time

2nd Round Closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, February 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Screener – Part-Time Contract

1st Round Closes Friday, December 31, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
2nd Round Closes Friday, January 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
3rd Round Closes Friday, January 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

TO APPLY: Submit applications before the deadline to resumes@nfn.ca, by fax to 705-753-0207, or mail or drop off applications to: Human Resources Department, Nipissing First Nation, 36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2.

Nipissing First Nation (NFN) members are encouraged to apply to all rounds of employment postings. As per Section 24(1)(a) of the Ontario Human Rights Code, NFN gives preference to First Nation applicants for any employment opportunities.



NFN Jobs & Training

As per Nipissing First Nation hiring procedures, the following steps are used for screening and recruitment processes.

- **1st round** postings are open to all registered Nipissing First Nation members.
- **2nd round** postings are open to spouses of registered Nipissing First Nation members and registered members of other First Nations.
- **3rd round** postings are open to all applicants (status and non-status)

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Notice to Vendors Cigarette Quota

To access the Cigarette Quota for April 2022 to March 2023, you must submit a Letter of Request by the deadline of February 28, 2022.

Requests can be emailed to reneec@nfn.ca, mailed or dropped off in person to the Finance Department at: 36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

If you have any questions, please contact: Renée Commanda Senior Finance Officer 705-753-2050 ext. 1280 reneec@nfn.ca



Nipissing Miller Partnership Apply Now to Work on Yellek-Duchesnay Road Connection

Nipissing First Nation (NFN) and Miller Paving have established a strong business partnership that continues to grow.

This partnership is a key element of NFN's strategy to build a stream of revenue that supports its vision of becoming an independent, self-governing nation.

Our partnership creates capacity to move community projects ahead while providing employment and training opportunities for NFN members and spinoff opportunities for private companies owned by NFN members.

The Nipissing Miller Partnership successfully completed its first project in August 2020, the Duchesnay Creek Bridge Replacement ([click here to learn more](#)).

The Yellek-Duchesnay Road Extension represents the next step in growing our partnership and developing critical nation infrastructure while generating positive benefits for our nation and members.

Current Opportunities

- [Heavy Equipment Operators](#)
- [DZ Drivers](#)
- [Rock Truck Drivers](#)
- [Labourers](#)
- [Traffic Control](#)

Interested candidates are to forward a resume to Sara Edwards in Human Resources at sara.edwards@millergroup.ca by February 4, 2022. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

For further information about the partnership with Nipissing First Nation, please contact the NFN Human Resources Department at: (705) 753-2050 ext. 1289 or email resumes@nfn.ca.

Preference to registered Nipissing First Nation applicants for Nipissing First Nation / Miller Partnership employment opportunities



Baamaapii to a Beloved Co-Worker and Community Member

It was with heavy hearts that our team learned of the passing of our dear co-worker Leonard Goulais on January 23, 2022. Len started working for NFN on April 18, 2005 as an Equipment Operator, a role he was very good at and performed with pride.

A dedicated worker with strong work ethic, Len was also known for his quick sense of humour and contagious smile. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.

He is survived by his partner and best friend Lianne Lariviere. Dear father of Kory (Alison), Brad and Christine. Grandpa Leonard will be missed by his two grandchildren Camden & Emmett. Also survived by his step-children Kayla (Ryan), Brittany, Amy (Josh) and Natasha (Pahsent) and 7 step-grandchildren Amara, Cici, Bronson, Ryerson, Smith, Bria and Aria. He will be fondly remembered by his siblings John, Robert, Charlene (Roger). Predeceased by his parents Richard and Bella Goulais, brother Eddie and sister Theresa.



Please visit our website www.nbisiing.com or Facebook Page for our calendar of events and other school-related information, or call (705) 497-9938.

Tipi Teachings

Miigwech Brenda Lee and Audrey Commanda for sharing their knowledge of tipi poles with our Visual Art and Designing your Future classes. Students were able to construct mini tipis and design their own canvas tipi ornaments before Winter Break.



Paint Day with Jules Armstrong

Chi-miigwech, Jules Armstrong, for leading Nbisiing students and staff in a painting workshop before winter break. It was amazing to see how everyone's painting came out so different and so beautiful!



Healthy Snack Bin Delivery

In preparation for Exam Week, and to support students through the extended virtual learning period, Nbisiing staff prepared and delivered baskets of healthy snacks and personal care items for students.



Community in the Classroom

Nbisiing was fortunate to have multiple virtual guest speakers in classes this month, Grade 9 Ojibwe class welcomed Glenna Beaucage, the students were taught the importance of protecting our land, and sacred medicines that can be harvested at this time of the year. Our Grade 11 Geography class welcomed Peter Beaucage to learn the Anishnaabe creation story. Nbisiing is so grateful for our community connections and knowledge keepers continuing to share their knowledge with our students and staff. Chi-Miigwech!

Mental Health Resources

FOR ADULTS

ConnexOntario: 24/7 support to help you find local mental health and addiction services at 1-866-531-2600 or ConnexOntario.ca

Talk 4 Healing: 24/7 support and resources for Indigenous women in 14 languages by phone or text to 1-855-554-HEAL (4325) or online at talk4healing.com

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Hands The Family Help Network: Counselling and therapy support for children, youth, and their families 1-800-668-8555 or visit thefamilyhelpnetwork.ca

Kids Help Phone: Free, confidential professional counselling, information, and referrals for mental health and addictions services.

Call 1-800-668-6868

Text: CONNECT to 686868
Live chat counselling: kidshelpphone.ca or via Facebook Messenger

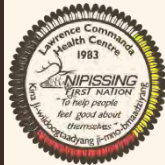
CRISIS INTERVENTION

North Bay Regional Health Centre: 1-800-352-1141
Available 24/7

Sturgeon Falls Alliance Centre: 705-753-3110 x 288
4pm - 11pm — 7 days/week

Canada Suicide Prevention
1-833-456-4566 - 24/7

Overdose Prevention Line
1-888-853-8542



Meal Program for Seniors

Orders must be placed every month



Must be a registered NFN member aged 65 years or older
Program provides a package of frozen prepared meals once a month

Call Stella Solomon at the Health Centre at 705-753-3312 to place your order for pick up or local delivery.

Monthly Order Deadline

Order by February 3rd for a package on February 10th
Order by March 3rd for a package on March 9th

Postponed Events

WELCOMING BABIES 2021 and 2022

Due to the uncertainty and the ongoing COVID pandemic, we have decided to postpone our Welcoming Babies Ceremony until 2023 for the safety of community members, and staff. If you would like to send in your baby pictures, consent, and email for the year of 2022-2023, we will keep all information on file until we can safely meet for an in-person celebration in 2023. Miigwech for your patience and understanding.

Send your pictures and information by email: loriannm@nfn.ca

For more information, please call:

Lori-Anne McLeod @ 705-753-1375 ext. 2266

WELCOMING BABIES CEREMONY 2019-2020

Nipissing First Nation would like to introduce to our community our newest members born in 2019 and 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and current public health recommendations which did not permit us to celebrate, we adapted our celebration in a video format.

Miigwech to all families who participated, Chief and Council, Laurie and Perry McLeod-Shabogesic, Gookmis Evelyn McLeod and the various programs at NFN that were able to contribute to make this celebration possible. We hope you all enjoy the video!

Watch the Welcoming our Babies 2019-2020 video here:

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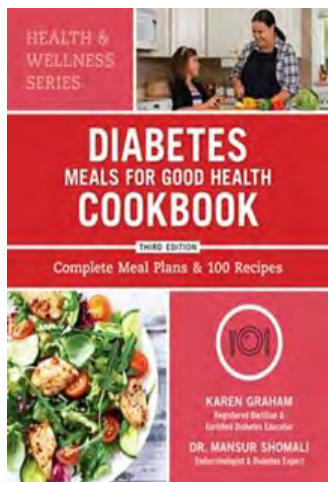


A Love for Yourself

Friday, February 11th
10am to Noon

Phone-In Event

Theme: Diabetes—GET ACTIVE

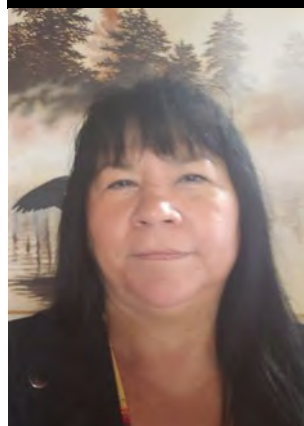


Give Stella a call at the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre on Friday, February 11th between 10am to 12pm and answer a “True or False” Get Active Quiz Question.

CALL 705-753-3312 ext. 2229

Door Prize Draw for all who call in!

Your name will go into a draw for a beautiful Diabetes Cookbook. Once we draw the names, we will deliver the prize to your door. Learn some new ways to keep fit and eat healthy!



Meet the Mental Wellness and Crisis Response Navigator

Aanii my name is Ann-Marie Recollet,

I am a First Nation member of Wahnapiatae First Nation. I am pleased to say that I have recently accepted the position as Mental Wellness and Crisis Response Navigator with the Ntam Nishnabeg Jiibiig First Nations Mental Wellness Team (serving six First Nations: Wasauksing, Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Nipissing and Wahnapiatae)

I am fluent in my language and I bring with me my traditions and culture.

My greatest passion is bringing healing to people who have been through a traumatic stressful experience.

As a new member of the regional Mental Wellness team I will provide mental wellness services and implement cultural supports that will help Anishinabek communities to find healthy perceptions of themselves and strengthen their relationships so they can know themselves as peaceful, complete, whole and safe.

With my teachings and many years of experience as a Healing and Wellness/ Translation worker gives me the opportunity to develop, build, coordinate and navigate for Anishinabek Communities.

Chi-Miigwetch

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Events for Families and Children 12 & Under



Snow Sculptures Photos - February 18 to 21

Please send in a photo of your snow sculpture between February 18-21 for a chance to win some great prizes!



Winter Fun Photos - February 1 to 23

The deadline to send in photos or short video clips showing "What is Winter Fun?" is February 23. Prizes to be won!



Storytime with Gookmis - February 22 at 6pm

Please sign up for Storytime with Gookmis through Zoom. One book per household (limited quantities) Deadline to sign up is February 17.

Events are open to NFN members and affiliates

For more information or to register, please email katiel@nfn.ca

NFN Band Members & Affiliates

Ages 13-24

"NFN REZ TALKS"

inspired by TedX Talks

Topic: What makes me Strong

Submit a video between 3-5 minutes about the topic above to receive a submission Prize and be entered into a raffle for a chance at even more prizes!

ENTER BY: FEB 21, 2022

Email : Bradyp@nfn.ca

SPONSORED BY:

NCWP, Kendaaswin, The Right Path and Local Community Members

Calling AES Youth!



AES YOUTH COUNCIL

Are you passionate about your community and education? If so, we have an opportunity for you! The Kinoomaadziwin Education Body is looking for motivated students to help us build the Anishinabek Education System Youth Council.

We want to hear from you!

Who?

AES youth in elementary, high school or post-secondary

What?

Help us develop a council of youth who will share ideas with the Anishinabek Education System.

When?

We ask that you get in touch by **Friday, February 11, 2022**. However, if you miss this deadline, don't hesitate to reach out to Joshua or Jessica to express your interest.

Help make a difference in your community!

Our first council meeting will take place in late February. See you there!

Contact

Joshua: joshua.leclair@a-e-s.ca
(807-356-5648)

Jessica: jessica.fellin@a-e-s.ca
(705-348-0768)



**ANISHINABEK
EDUCATION SYSTEM**

G G M Z C Q G Z O P Y U B T K
 Y A I J H U S O O W S Q L A W
 T T A M C D I O H S Q Q L W Z
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Aabtause (Wednesday)
 Biindgen (Come in)
 Gaawin (Negative)
 Gshide (Hot)
 Kaa (No)
 Ngwaankwat (It is cloudy)
 Noodin (It is windy)

Aabwaa (It is mild)
 Boozhoo (Hello)
 Geget (For sure)
 Gsinaa (It is cold)
 Mino (Good/Nice)
 Niizh giizhgad (Tuesday)
 Zookpo (It is snowing)

Aanin (Hi)
 Enhenh (Affirmative)
 Gimiwan (It is raining)
 Gwaajing (Outside)
 Name giizhgad (Sunday)
 Nokii (Work)

Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin Family Day Ice Fishing Draws

4 Family Day Ice Fishing Package draws on **February 18th** for 4 lucky households.

To register: email randyp@nfn.ca by February 17th to enter your household in the draw.

Only one name per household.

Like "Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin" on Facebook to receive notification of events.

Draws will be live on Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin Facebook page on February 18 at 12 Noon.

Packages may include: rods, tackle, tip-ups, and other ice fishing items!

Nipissing Nation Kendaaswin remains closed for the time being.

For more information, please email Randy at randyp@nfn.ca.

Nbisiing Nishnaabemwin

Eko-Niizh Giizis - Mkwa Giizis (Bear Moon - February)

Eko-niizh Giizis e-goojing gaa zhijkaazod ,Mkwa Giizis zhinkaazo.

Mii wa Mkwa e-piitendmin waa bi-yaad.

Mii dash pii wii-wiijiwaan Gookmisan wii mosewaad

Manidoowin,kiing.

Gookmisan wiin gii-maajiinaan wa Mkwan mnidoo – kiing,wii debnang gchi-mshkawziid.

Wii debwaabid wa Mkwan washme waasa pii-dash maa pii kiing minwa wii-gnoonaad wiyaa naajitood maa gchi-mshkawziwin.gaan wiin memkaaj naanoondaagweweg aabjitoosiin.

Miijim ge-nendaagwat , gaawin nishaa nji-daapnigaadesnok.

Kina kendaaswin minwa nbwaakaawin gaa bi-zhi-miigwewaad nawendaagnak,e-nendaagwak wiijiigaazod Gookmis.

Mii dash noongom Mkwa Giizis ,Gookmis gii-maji-webnaan Mkwan ,wii bi-dgoshing goki maa kiing wii bi-giishtonid

ji-gchi-mshkawziwin.

Mii Gzhemidoo pane ebi-ndawendang.

Miigwech

Bear Moon is the second moon of creation.

This sacred time is given to the bear to honor the spiritual journey that he will soon return from.

During this time, he has journeyed with Gookmis in a vision quest of the spirit world.

Gookmis takes the bear gradually through the spirit world to receive the spiritual powers of the universe.

He receives the ability to see beyond the physical world and to communicate through the energy rather than sound.The foods required for such a quest are not taken by chance.

The knowledge and wisdom passed through the heredity line are needed for this long journey with Gookmis.

In this time of the Bear Moon, Gookmis awakens the bear to return to the physical world to complete his quest.

At this time it is not wise to get near the bear because he is marking his territory and searching for nourishment, consisting of: different types of berries, roots, and fish.All keep the mind sharp and the body strong and pure, the way the Creator intended from the beginning. Miigwech

Nishnaabeg Kidwinan (Words)

Mkwa Giizis Bear Month

Mkwa bear

Kakjii ground hog

waabshkaa white

boong winter

Mkwam ice

Zaagigan lake

wewebnaabiing ice fishing

pkwanege making a hole

mgsinaak fishing rod

mgiskan fish hook

giigooyens minnow

giigoons small fish

saawens perch

gnoozhe pike

Nmaadgaak mkwamiing
walking on frozen lake, ice

Bi-maadgaako
he/she is coming, walking across the lake

Aazhgeyaatgaako
travelling across by foot, lake





Home for Sale

77 Beaucage Park
 Nipissing First Nation
 North Bay ON
 Home was constructed in 2005

Fully finished main floor and rec room

1 - Bedroom (master upstairs)

1 - Bedroom downstairs

1 - Master bath soaking tub, large stand-up shower, two vanities (his and hers)

1 - ½ bathroom

Hardwood and tile flooring throughout main floor

Hardwood maple cupboards

Open concept kitchen/dinning/sitting room main floor

Large deck in back

Twin bay garage

Natural gas heat

The interested purchaser(s) be a member of Nipissing First Nation member as the land is on Nipissing First Nation

Sale Price: \$500,000.00

For viewing, please text or call to make arrangements. Certain conditions will apply with the sale of the home.

77 Beaucage Park Rd, Nipissing First Nation

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1. woodstoves
2. fireplace/fireplace inserts
3. chimneys.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014.
Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal
and Emergency Management

How do I prevent a heating fire?

- ❖ Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.
- ❖ Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked.
- ❖ Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer's instructions.
- ❖ Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.
- ❖ Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.



All homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

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