

September 2022



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

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Monday, Sept 2nd Labour Day

Council Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 6th Tuesday, Sept. 20th 7pm - Garden Village

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

Congratulations to NFN Members

Anishinabek Academic & Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

On August 24th, in Rama First Nation, academic and lifetime achievements were celebrated. These educators and citizens who have made a lifetime commitment to improving the quality of life were honoured.

Nipissing First Nation is proud of these individuals who have committed to our Nation through their work and lives.

Congratulations to Donna McLeod–Shabogesic, Freda Martel, Patrick Stevens, & Candace Fisher, we appreciate all that you do!

Photo Credits: Marie Stevens, Gimaa Zoongawbi Chief Scott McLeod





UPDATES



Highlights from the Chief's Calendar

September 7-9:

Robinson Huron Treaty 1850, Treaty Gathering Garden Village, ON

See page 5 for details



Chief's Video Update Series

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

and on Facebook:

<u>Giima Zoongawbwi</u>

Chief Scott McLeod







Nbisiing Wiinmaagewin Community Consultations

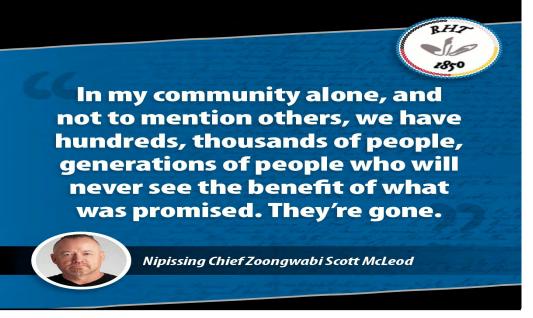
Miigwech to those who participated in our on-reserve and off-reserve community consultation sessions. These sessions were held on July 19th in Garden Village, July 25th in Duchesnay, August 16th in Vaughan and August 17th in Ottawa.

Membership was able to walk around to the booths and ask staff about various topics which include: Beaucage Park Future Use Options, Wellness Strategy, Members Portal, Education, Citizenship Core Principles, Lands: (1) Community Specific Land Use and Planning Priorities (2) Land Code Amendments (3) Land Use Plan & Zoning By-Law, Major Capital Projects, Elders Lodge Assisted Living Design, Nbisiing Governance Consultation Framework & Governance Map, Culture & Language Strategy.

Members were also able to sit and listen to presentations on our Land Code Amendments & Land Use Plan, Ontario Boundary Claim, as well as Debendaagziwaad (Citizenship) - Core Principles.

Miigwech to our firekeepers, elders, as well as our facilitator Bob Goulais for being apart of these events.

Bob provided members with a overview that was steamed on Facebook live which can be seen here: facebook.com/NipissingFN/videos/368138268760024



Mnogin Greenhouse

If you've driven by Jocko Point lately, you may have noticed some activity at the site of our new cold climate greenhouse, which will be located east of 17 Hour Convenience.

Earlier this summer, Chief and Council approved Mnogin Greenhouse as the name that was recommended for this new venture. Mnogin means "Grow Well" in Nbising Nishnaabemwin and the name was suggested by a fluent speaker in the community. Logo options were subsequently developed, and you will see the logo approved by Council on the image below showing a mock-up of one of the growing units.

Site development work began in early August in preparation for our containerized units to be delivered once the concrete pier foundation has been constructed. There will be three growing units producing a variety of fresh lettuce and herbs and one packing unit to prepare the products for distribution to the community and customers.

The goal of the greenhouse initiative is to address the important need of providing better and healthier food security for our members, especially during our more vulnerable winter months. The food supply uncertainties and rising costs we have experienced throughout the pandemic, along with the increasing frequency of droughts and severe weather that damage many of the agricultural belts we depend on for food, is clear and mounting evidence that Canadians and First Nation communities need to become much more self-sufficient in growing our own food.

Developing the capacity to grow our own fresh produce year-round is central to meeting our food security needs. This new greenhouse complex will enable food production and create continual access to healthy produce at better pricing. The greenhouse will also provide employment and training opportunities for community members while generating revenue to support operations and potential future expansion.

A key part of the success of the greenhouse will be the **people** we hire to manage the operations! Job postings for a Greenhouse Manager and System Operator will be coming soon and we look forward to beginning the recruitment process. If you or anyone you know is interested in being part of this exciting new venture, be sure to visit nfn.ca/jobs to view the postings and apply.

Once the units are delivered, our staff will undergo extensive training both online and in-person to become comfortable with the equipment, software, and operating procedures to ensure we deliver the highest-quality products to our community and customers. Watch for more updates as the Mnogin Greenhouse gets closer to becoming operational in the coming months.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gen Couchie, Business Operations Manager, at 705-753-2050 ext. 1243 or genc@nfn.ca.





Offices Closed *September 2*

All NFN offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labour Day

Please note that the Landfill site will also be closed on Monday, September 2nd and that regular hours are from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (closed for all statutory holidays).



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Archeology Field School

The coming of spring marks several important transitions and the start of construction season on NFN. Over the spring and summer and into the fall, homes are built and new businesses are developed on NFN lands. Across the traditional territory, government, project proponents in the private sector and academics engage in projects that have potential to unearth Nipissing history and material culture in many forms. Multiple NFN departments are concerned with these practices and developments and are working to ensure that the practice of archeology is carried out in a respectful and responsible manner.

Building on the prior success of the Archelogy Field School held on NFN in past summers, recent years have seen the Lands, Environment and Natural Resources Departments to seek to offer training in archeological monitoring. Partnerships with the Ontario Archeological Society and more recently, the Canadian Archeological Association have now resulted in NFN members being trained in archeology and archeological monitoring. Trained monitors form NFN play an important role in direct participation in archeological assessments of new developments and archeological digs aimed at understanding and preserving the past. These monitors also help to ensure that NFN, relationships, culture and practices are protected through academic and developmental activities on the land. Archeological assessments are now routinely required prior to land disturbances such as the development of new businesses on NFN. Increasingly, NFN is working with external proponents, academic and professional archeologists and their institutions as well as other governments to ensure that NFN material culture is respected and protected during the practice of archeology across the territory.

This summer marked the second year in a row that youth from Nipissing Frist Nation received training in archeological theory and monitoring. The training was led by Nipissing member Sarah Hazell, Canadian Archeological Association Project Manager for the Unmarked Graves Working Group and professionally licenced archeologist and Dr. Alicia Hawkins of the University of Toronto, an expert in Ontario archeology. In the first year, 6 NFN youth successfully completed the training and received certificates in archeological monitoring from the Ontario Archeology Society. This year, five additional youth received certificates from the Ontario Archeology Society and the Canadian Archeology Association who co-sponsored the training that was offered to NFN free of charge. Youth compensation for participation in the training was provided by Enhancement Funds approved by NFN Chief and Council.

The training included both lectures and hands-on training in many aspects of archeological practice such as various areological time periods of Indigenous occupation of the land, artifact and animal bone identification, human osteology, pottery, burials, paleobotany, archeological regulation and Indigenous perspectives of archology in Ontario. Through this training the participants were able to gain and share critical perspectives on archeological practice and impacts on the past and the future of Nipissing. The training was delivered by a diverse mixture of professional archeologists, Indigenous historians and government personnel.

This year's training included a week of hands-on learning that involved working with artifacts held by NFN, identification of artifacts and critical reviews of how these artifacts are portrayed in museum settings both within and outside of Indigenous Communities in the area. The students were able to get an early view of the new exhibit at the North Bay Museum, Our Guides Were Really Going Places, NISHNAABEG E-PAAMWINGEWAAD WAASA ZHAAWAG: Nipissing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda, the result of a larger research partnership between NFN and Nipissing University.

The Lands, Natural Resources and Environment Departments wish to say Gchii-Miigwech to Sarah and Alicia for their efforts in realizing this training at NFN. We would also like to thank Chief and Council for supporting the engagement of the youth with this important training. Congratulations to all of those who completed the training. We look forward to supporting the responsible practice of archeology on NFN lands and territory as we continue to look to the past to inform the future.

Cameron Welch, Director of Lands & Natural Resources



Visit our website for more information about NFN's Archaeology program:

Archaeology Field School

Left to Right - Colin Peltier, Ryden Hanszlik (Lead) , Owen Beaudreau Sophia Tore(Lead) , Lucas Armstrong.



WE HAVE

VENDOR SPACE!

This year, the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 Treaty Gathering theme is "Restoring the Balance" and it is taking place in Nipissing First Nation, co-hosted by Dokis First Nation. We recognize the ongoing challenges to participate for in-person meetings for some, and we will be accommodating some hybrid (Zoom) events during our gathering. Because of protocols for some of our agenda items, we will not be streaming the entirety of the event. During this time, you are encouraged to honour all our relations, our Treaty relationships with each other, and the lands we share.

Would you like to join us via Zoom? Register for our event here— http://bit.ly/TreatyGatheringDay1

Volunteers are still needed! If you would like to volunteer or sign up as a vendor please contact Freda Martel at fredam@nfn.ca to sign up or by calling 705-753-2050.

NIPISSING WARRIOR DAYS

The 2nd Annual Nipissing Warrior Days was held August 19-21 in Garden Village and was a huge success. We had a total of 7 Nipissing Nation businesses, 1 North Bay business and 1 member sponsors who contributed to the event: Jocko Point Gen 7 Fuel, 17 Hr Convenience, Jocko Point Fish & Chips, Young Forestry Services, Necessities, Tim's Convenience, Hughes & Sons Masonry, Wrightway Sportswear and Zach Beaudette/Lee Galsworthy. Chi-Miigwech to these generous people and businesses. Nipissing Warrior Days wouldn't have happened without you!

Our 2nd Nipissing Warrior Days was centered around 3 aspects: families, baseball, and music. There really was something for everyone. Along with our craft and food vendors, we had an array of activities for families and elders including a bingo, slip & slide, face painting, a bouncy castle, a kids pickup baseball game and a Texas Horseshoe tournament. We had 8 teams in our baseball tournament. A Champion was Purple Helmets from Garden Village and Runner-Up was Number 9 from Dokis. B Champion was Rita's Turobreds and Runner-Up Necessities, both from Garden Village. We had 4 bands perform on our stage in the ODR. Caley Campbell, Ever Sick (with members from Nipissing Nation), the J Houston Band and JW Stevens (from Nipissing Nation).

The people really enjoyed the music and there was a lot of dancing and singing! Without the help of the many volunteers, Nipissing Warrior Days could not have been as successful as it was. Many people commented on how Nipissing Warrior Days brought the community together. We had approx. 50-60 volunteers helping in all capacities throughout the weekend! Ch-Miigwech so much for believing in Nipissing Warrior Days!

Message from Randy:

As I watched the event happen, I had such a huge sense of pride in our Nation. I recall watching the older generations playing at these events, just like the young ones watched the games this past weekend. My hope is that one day they will remember watching my generation play baseball as they watch their own kids play. The children's baseball game was a big hit with the children and the fans. I could see the happiness and pride in the faces of the children as they were on the field with all the fans watching. After the game ended, they wanted more. More games next year they told me.

The Elders enjoyed the bingo that took place in the gym and even made their way over to the ball games once the bingo was over. I saw families eating together, playing with cousins and reminiscing about the Parish Picnics.

After closing out Nipissing Warrior Days, my son asked me when it will happen again. This sparked my desire to the highest degree to continue Nipissing Warrior Days. I remember as a child circling the annual Parish Picnic on my calendar. I looked forward to that event every year, and now my sons have Nipissing Warrior Days to look forward to. This is what it is all about, our people and our Nation.

This has been a dream of mine for a long time. It was amazing to see it come to fruition.

Two moving conversations that happened to me during the weekend: "Randy, this is awesome. I've seen old friends and I've even made some new ones! This is what Warrior Days means. Family, friends, and community"

When speaking with others about the old picnics I said that those picnic memories will be with me forever. I had a young man say to me "the old picnics were before my time, but this event is MY picnic".





EDUCATION



NBISIING SECONDARY SCHOOL

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

If you are interested in registering for the Fall 2022, please click on the link below to complete our online registration. The office will be open to respond to all registration inquiries starting the week of August 19th.

REGISTER ONLINE: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FZqSuU8YhisGcyXGfRKMcdTHBlBodBzarSBXj2w_yak/edit



Bi-gzhaadge Binoonjiiyak—Integrated Children's Program Registration

Back to School is right around the corner, so it's time to start thinking about After School programs. The Integrated Children's Program has a tentative start date of September 26, 2022.

To register: Download a form at nfn.ca/icp-2022 or pick one up from the Band Office or Health Centre. Please return completed forms to Brandie Fong at the Health Centre or by email to brandief@nfn.ca.

This year we are working in partnership with the Children's Services, Native Child Welfare, and Recreation Program. The number of children accepted into the program is limited to 24 children. The program will operate: Monday-Thursday (closed holidays, snow days, and breaks) in Garden Village. The Church basement will be the bus drop-off and parent pick-up location.

Student Info & Bussing Forms

All students accessing Nbisiing Bus Lines services must fill out a Student Information and Bussing Form **EVERY YEAR**. Please contact the Education Office to request a copy.





Employment Opportunities

FOR EMPLOYMENT UPDATES & OPPORTUNITES VISIT NFN.CA/JOBS

To view the complete job posting for each position, click the links below, visit <u>nfn.ca/jobs</u>, or call the office at 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail, fax or email.

School Bus/Van Drivers – Part-Time / Contract 1st Round Closes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 2nd Round Closes Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 3rd Round Closes Friday, September 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Band Representative – Full-Time

1st Round Closes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 2nd Round Closes Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 3rd Round Closes Friday, September 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

<u>Ojibway Women's Lodge Manager</u> – Full-Time 2nd Round Closes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 3rd Round Closes Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Frontline Worker, Ojibway Women's Lodge – Full-Time/Part-Time (2 positions open) 2nd Round Closes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 3rd Round Closes Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

First Nation Representative Program Manager – Full-Time 2nd Round Closes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. 3rd Round Closes Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Home and Community Care Indigenous Transitions
Facilitator – Full Time
Open Until Filled

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

- 1st round postings are open to all NFN members
- 2nd round postings are open to spouces of registered NFN members and registered members of other First Nations.
- 3rd wround postings are open to all applicants (status and non- status)

Nipissing First Nation members are encouraged to apply to all rounds of employment postings.

As per Section 24 (1) (a) of the Human Rights Code, Nipissing First Nation gives preferences to First Nation applicants for employment opportunities.



Thursday, September 15, 2022

Anishinabek Nation Culture & Language Conference Series 1

Anishinaabemowin Revitalization

DEBNJIGED KII MIINGONA G'DINWEWNINAA - Creator Gave Us Our Language

Culture & Language Development

(Under the Governance Agreement)

- Successes of Building Culture & Language
- NAWEWIN GAMIG Willikwemkoong Language Nest
- Anishinaabemowin Teaching Tool

REGISTER NOW

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THIS LINK: https://culture-languageconference.eventbrite.ca or go to www.governancevote.ca DEADLINE: SEPT.14, 2022@4:00PM

REGISTER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN:

A PENDLETON BLANKET
 ONE OF FOUR SURPRISE DRAWS

(YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)



ANISHINABEK NATION GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF Reg Niganobe Welcoming Remarks



WIIKWEMKOONG EDUCATOR Isadore Behamikawe Toulouse Journey to Learning and Teaching Anishinaabemowin



ANISHINABEK NATION COMMISSIONER ON GOVERNANCE Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee Importance of Culture and Language



CONFERENCE FACILITATOR Bob M'zhaakwat Goulais Emcee

For more information please contact:

Barb Naveau Anishinabek Nation 705-845-5336 barb.naveau@anishinabek.ca



Hosted by: Anishinabek Nation Chiefs Committee on Governance

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International FASD Day

SEPTEMBER 09, 2022

Scavenger Hunt & Physical Challenge

"Let's Get Active Together"

Raise awareness and show your support for those affected by FASD and their caregivers! FASD affects us all!



Participation Draw: Grand Prize: IPad

Additions Prizes: \$100 worth in Gift cards (2 recipients)

Entry into the Grand Prize Draw is based on following participation guidelines.

To register go to: https://AnishinabekNationInternationalFASD-Day2022.eventbrite.ca



11:00AM = 3:00 PM

By the Pond at the Education Centre'
'In case of bad weather, alternate location:
RJ. Surices Athletic Centre
Parking available in Lot 8 - Follow Signage

Friday, Sept. 16th, 2022

Hostdrum: High Ridge
Co-Host Drum: Eastern Ojibway
Emcee: Jordan Mowat
Arena Director: TBA
Elder: Dot Kennedy-Beaucage
Head female dancer: Tanya Matthews
Head male dancer: Cody McKenzie-Sackaney

Click Links Below

Dancer Registration Link

Volunteer Registration Link



Welcoming all new and returning students for a new year.

Feast and Giveaway for All Guests - Everyone Welcome Honoraria for all dancers

Email biindgen@nipissingu.ca for more details









Run for

Miss Nipissing First Nation 2022

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Open to all

ages 6-24



Submit 2 photos

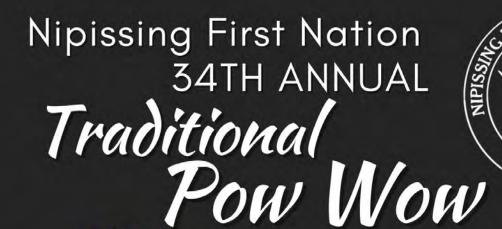
- 1st in your powwow regalia

- 2nd your choice
and a short biography including your goals
for Miss NFN 2022

Crowning will take place Saturday morning,

www.nfn.ca 11

September 3rd 2022





"The Medicine that connects us all"

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND SEPT 3RD & 4TH 2022

36 Semo Rd. Garden Village P2B3K2

GRAND ENTRY 1:00PM SAT & SUN

First Time Dancers Special at 11:30AM

Host M.C: Bob Goulais

Arena Director: Tory Fisher

Pow Wow Head Elders:

Lorraine Liberty & Perry M.Shabogesic

Ceremony Head Elders:

Michael Couchie & Glenna Beaucage

Head Fire Keeper: Tyler Dokis **Veteran Rep:** Pat Stevens Jr.

Drugs, Alcohol & Pets Not Permitted *



HOST DRUM: BURNING PLAINS

Co-Host Drum: Good Time Ojibwe

Adult Head Dancers:

Brooklyn Sawyer & Steeve Teekens

Youth Head Dancers:

Rylan Fisher & Destiny Beaucage

SUNRISE CEREMONY SEPT 1ST - 4TH

For more Details Email: Bradyp@nfn.ca



Nbisiing Dewegigewin 2022

September 3rd & 4th

Sunrise Ceremony every day at 5:45am: Thursday through Sunday

Sacred Fire Lighting Thursday at sunrise at powwow grounds

It's almost pow wow time and people are busy prepping the grounds, getting their family's regalia tweaked or making new ones. This is our 34th year of Traditional Pow Wow at Nbisiing. It is an alcohol and drug free event. Please remember dogs are not allowed at the grounds.

Looking After Shkakmikwe (Mother Earth):

We are stewards of the earth: land, water, animals, fish, birds, plants, etc. Please bring your reusable water bottles. There will be a water station to fill up, and if you plan to stay for the feast, please bring your feast bundles (a bag with reusable plate, bowl, cutlery, cup, cloth napkin).

Offer your Nbisiing Hospitality:

Many people will start coming to Garden Village by Friday night, and some as early as Wednesday. Please be careful on the roads, and patient with our visitors. The pow wow is only one weekend. Offer kindness to our visitors. We plan to have overnight security. If there are any problems, please seek out our security people to report, or APS if necessary.

Miigwech to all who have helped or are helping with our community pow wow in any way. We are fortunate to have so many people involved in making this a success every year, including our businesses. For any information regarding our pow wow, please contact our organizer, Brady Penasse at bradyp@nfn.ca.



3 Prize Draw Fundraiser

For those wishing to purchase tickets you can reach out to powwow committee members, or the Culture & Heritage Department at 705-753-2050.

\$5.00 EACH

Nbisiing Anishinaabemwin

September - Mdaamin Giizis (Corn Moon)

Mdaamin giizis, dgosenmin wii naadmawshiyan mina wiiwaamdashin maa maadziwin mina wii-nsotamaan maa mnidoo maadziwin maa pii minwa waakwiing.

Gii – kendaan Gzhemnidoo wiin gii saad Mdaamini Giizis, wii naadmaawshid; ji-gwekgaabwiyaan maa megwaa maadziwin.

Gookmis mooshkneshkaagan maadziwin wii mi wiidesmninaa. Aabwenmishin,giishpin nendamaan gego wa wiinmoonaan mii dash pii tkweshkoonaan mii ji-mno piitenmiszoyaan wii mnaadenmidzoyaan.

Miigwech.

Corn Moon, I humble myself to you for the journey of Creation shown to me and the understanding of the continuing journey of the spirits from this world to the next.

The Creator instructed Gookmis to teach me; so I may remain in balance with Creation .

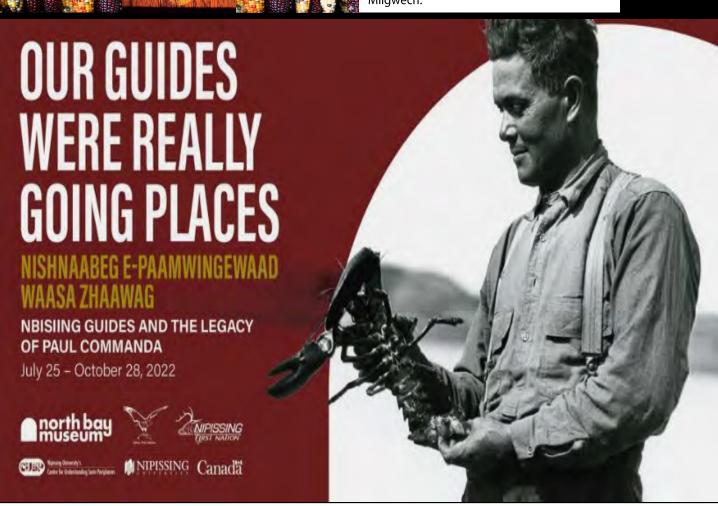
Gookmis, my heart is filled with the energies to live and share this spiritual journey.

In the 13 rows of multi-coloured corn lies the spirits of the universe, waiting to begin the ever continuing cycle of life, as it was in the beginning.

I ask that I may be forgiven for the things I do not speak of the things I have forgotten. When we meet again at the crossroads, I will journey with honour and dignity for all that I am.

Miigwech.







JOIN US

Youth Responsible Gambling Event

POKER RUN or WALK

FOR YOUTH AGES: 12-18 YRS





Call Lori-Anne to register or email: loriannm@nfn.ca 705-753-3312 By: Fri Sept 16th 4:00pm

Door Prize Must Be Present to Win

Funded By Anishinabek Responsible Gambling & LCHC

Gtigewin Community Garden Stand STAND OPEN FROM NOON TO 3PM

Pick up fresh free vegetables from the Gtigewin Community Garden!

Friday, September 2nd

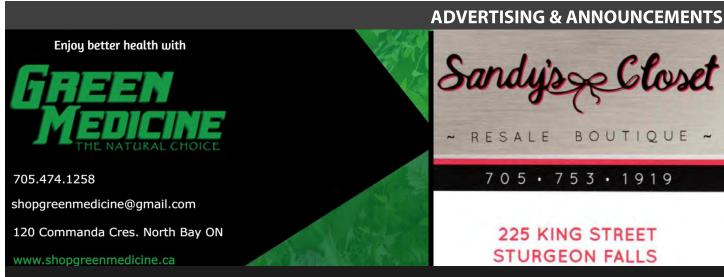
Duchesnay - Nbisiing Secondary School

Friday, September 9th

Yellek - Playground

Please note: Dates may change due to weather or crop availability. Check the NFN Health & Recreation Facebook page or call the Health Centre for updates: 705-753-3312.





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