

Enkamgak



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Proposed Land Code Amendments

Consultation Meetings with the membership were held on December 20 and 22, 2022 to discuss proposed amendments to the Land Code that was enacted on April 3, 2004. These consultation meetings were held in Garden Village, Duchesnay and online access to the meeting was available during the December 22nd meeting.

The purpose of the meetings was to inform the membership of:

- Possible amendments related to: Land exchange process, references to financial matters in light of our Financial Administration Law developed in 2016, authorities of Land Committee, mortgaging capabilities, renewal of lease agreements, land use plan, dispute resolution panel and roster, and land code amendment processes under the current NFN Land Code

The membership was informed of the three different voter registration thresholds in the current Land Code that must be met in order to amend the Land Code and/or to enact laws under the Land Code. These thresholds are no longer required in more recently enacted Land Codes. The current Land Code requires a Verifier be appointed by Nipissing First Nation, Canada and the Land Advisory Board; Community members that participated in our sessions discussed how decisions impact land around their homes. They discussed the need for community involvement in decision making that impacts each

end of our reserve land territory. After lengthy discussions on the cumbersome nature of the Land Code amendment process and having heard the Membership concerns that they want a voice in any amendments as may be required in the current Land Code, the scope of the amendment for the upcoming vote will be reduced to focus on the cumbersome thresholds set out in Section 14, 15.2 and Section 16 of the current Land Code and related laws. Amendments related to the other issues will not be part of the proposed February vote.

The amendments to sections 14, 15.2 and 16 will change how votes on laws and amendments will be conducted to allow a more efficient, cost-effective process while ensuring community member involvement. It is proposed that any items requiring a vote of the Membership will take place at a Community Meetings held in person and online (with a minimum of one in-person meeting at the East end of the Community and one in the West End), and voted on by those in attendance in person or online with the decision being determined by a simple majority.

The Vote on proposed amendments to the current Land Code, subject to Nipissing First Nation meeting the threshold for registration of eligible Nipissing voters, will take place on February 25, 2023. You will receive a Notice of Vote, draft amended Land Code, ballot with return envelope, instructions on how to register and vote online through One Feather and summary of the proposed amendments in due time.

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Contact us to receive Enkamgak by mail:



hillarysm@nfn.ca



705-753-2050 ext. 1270

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Proposed Lane Code Amendments (Con't)

With the change of deadline to register to vote now being 8:00 p.m. on February 25, 2023, all registered voters as of February 25 at the close of the polls will have their names entered into a draw to be eligible to win one of the prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250 and \$250. The draw will take place on February 28, 2023 rather than January 13, 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Land Office at 705-753-2922.

Update on the Lake Nipissing Beading Project

Submitted by: The Lake Nipissing Beading Project Collective



*The LNBP delegation at Mica Bay visit on November 9, 2023
(Photo Credit: Kirsten Greer)*

The Lake Nipissing Beaded Project exhibition and the “Our Guides Were Really Going Places/Nishnaabeg e-paamwingewaad waasa zhaawag” exhibit are on the move again as they travel across Anishinaabek territory to Binesii-Wiikwedong (Thunder Bay), the traditional lands of the Fort William First Nation. The two installations spent two

months at the Sault Ste Marie Museum in Bawating, where a delegation of LNBP team members from NFN, Dokis, and Nipissing University smudged the beaded map before driving it to the Sault Ste Marie Museum for the opening. As Glenna Beaucage stated:

“Mnidoomnesag are taking shape more everyday and creating a living story of our survival on this lake for thousands of years. It is creating a living story of our lives and reminds us of the sacredness of nbii. This beaded replica creates more emotion, strength and memory as it comes together and will continue to grow and gather stories and teach people along her journey.”

The opening at the Sault Ste Marie Museum was held on November 10, 2023. NFN Giigdoninikwe Jane Commanda and Giigdoninikwe Joan McLeod Shabogesic gave opening speeches, as well as Randy Restoule from Dokis First Nation and Kirsten Greer from Nipissing University. The installation included the new additions to the LNBP beaded map, the exhibition panels, as well as beaded items, photographs, and other related artifacts from the Sault Ste Museum collection. The LNBP delegation also spent time on the territory by visiting the RHT historic sites of Mica Bay and Whitefish Island, and at the Shingwauk School and Spanish Schools to



Joan McLeod Shabogesic, Jane Commanda, Randy Restoule, and Kirsten Greer (Photo Credit: Kirsten Greer)

honour the missing children and all of the survivors.

To view the current status of the LNBP beaded map, please see our online map on our website, which is up-to-date as of January 16, 2023: lakenipissingbeadingproject.com/map

At present, the LNBP map is 75% complete. We hope that we will fill in the missing pieces by the time the travelling exhibition comes back home to Nibisiing at the Dokis Museum for summer. If you have any unfinished and finished tiles, please drop them off or send them to the North Bay Museum (open Wed/Thurs/Friday 12pm-5pm and Sat 9am-3pm): 100 Ferguson St, North Bay, ON P1B 1W8.

Stay tuned for updates on an online opening hosted by our very own Suzanne Campeau Whiteduck for the Thunder Bay Museum installation. As always, please feel free to share your stories about your beaded tiles for the project. Information can be found here: lakenipissingbeadingproject.com/reflections.

E-GIIGDOWAAD CHIEF & COUNCIL

February 7 and 21, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Livestreamed on the NFN Membership Portal:
Portal.NFN.ca

Submit agenda items by 4 p.m. on the Thursday prior to:
Freda Martel, Director of Administration
fredam@nfn.ca

Visiting the Archives – the Records of the Duchesnay, Beaucache Bay and Garden Village Schools

Glenna Beaucage, Joan McLeod Shabogesic, and Katrina Srigley ¹



Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage at LAC, Ottawa, 17 November, 2022. Photograph courtesy of Katrina Srigley.

Those of us working to document and share the histories of teaching and learning on Nbisiing lands have long wondered exactly how and why Nbisiing schools were closed. There were schools established at Duchesnay, Beaucache Bay, and Garden Village for different lengths of time. The school built at Duchesnay did not operate for long before being relocated to Beaucache Bay ². This school was open from 1888 until 1914, while the school at Garden Village operated from 1911 until 1943. Councillor and retired Lands Manager Dr. Joan McLeod Shabogesic has conducted important research on this history. We know that there were many forces shaping education in these years, including pressure to send Nbisiing children to residential schools, but we wondered if there was more specific evidence that might help us tell this history ³.

We hoped the answers to our questions could be found in the school records held at Library and Archives Canada (LAC) in Ottawa. In November 2022, after working on the third chapter of our book *Gaa Bi Kidwaad Maa Nbisiing* focused on teaching and learning, we decided we needed to make the trip ⁴. We updated our LAC memberships, checked opening hours (much-reduced since covid-19), packed our external hard drives, and ensured that the records we were interested in reviewing were available. As is always the case when we travel together, there was lots of laughter and great conversation. The only hitch – Ottawa had its first snowfall of the season and we did not have proper footwear. It was a good thing we were staying at a nearby hotel.



The Secret Bench of Knowledge, LAC, Ottawa, 17 November, 2022. Photograph courtesy of Katrina Srigley

How did our research unfold? Our intention at LAC was twofold. First, to see if we could find an answer to our questions and second to digitize and bring the school records home so they are available for future use by Nbisiing Nishnaabeg interested in this history.

LAC's mandate is to preserve the documentary heritage of the place we now call Canada and, of relevance to Nbisiing Nishnaabeg, all records related to the federal government and its departments, including the Department of Indian Affairs ⁵ in its various iterations. As such, you will find a range of records, including letters, reports, petitions, receipts, minutes, photographs, audit and balance sheets, census data, and recordings.

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¹ Glenna Beaucage has retired as manager of the Culture and Heritage Department and Joan McLeod Shabogesic as Lands Manager at NFN, but thankfully they continue to share their knowledge, skill, and invaluable time to complete heritage work. Katrina Srigley is a professor in the History Department at Nipissing University. We are grateful to continue work with Mindy Lariviere and the Culture and Heritage Department at NFN.

² In the historical record Beaucage is referred to as Beaucache. At Duchesnay, it appears that the building established for a school operated for less than a year before being relocated to Beaucache Bay. For a report on the operation of the Duchesnay school see: Library and Archives Canada (LAC), RG 10, vol. 2310, School Inspector George Grant to Thomas Walton, North Bay, 22 September, 1886.

³ You can learn more about these schools in the heritage exhibit created by Dr. Joan McLeod Shabogesic, which is held in the Culture and Heritage Department at NFN.

⁴ This chapter is authored by Katrina Srigley, Glenna Beaucage and Joan McLeod Shabogesic. Glenna and Katrina have been working together since 2010 on heritage work with the support of Chief Marianna Couchie and Councils and Chief Scott McLeod and Councils. Since her retirement Joan has also had more time to be involved with our work, for which we are grateful. We acknowledge the financial support of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, which made this trip to the archives possible, and the ongoing support of Nipissing First Nation and Nipissing University.

⁵ This is an outdated name for the department, though it is the name that was used during the era we are investigating. This department has now been divided into two departments known as Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Indigenous Services. Many of the records in the archive use this type of language and must be handled with care. See: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/indigenous-heritage/Pages/interpreting-documents.aspx>

Visiting the Archives – the Records of the Duchesnay, Beaucache Bay and Garden Village Schools (Con't)

The intention of archives is to preserve and provide access to knowledge, though it will not surprise Enkamgak readers to learn that the knowledge preserved at archives is neither complete (things have been lost and destroyed) nor truly easy to access ⁶. The final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the 94 Calls to Action, which included # 69 that called on LAC to make residential school records accessible to the public, has resulted in slow and incremental changes to accessibility ⁷. Finding these records is becoming easier, but still requires navigating the bureaucracy of the institution, including restrictions on releasing personal information, and filing an Access to Information Request. For instance, NFN records related to Spanish Residential School (1948-1961), including admissions and discharges and permanent school records, are held at LAC and restricted. There are resources available to support this work. We share a few below ⁸.

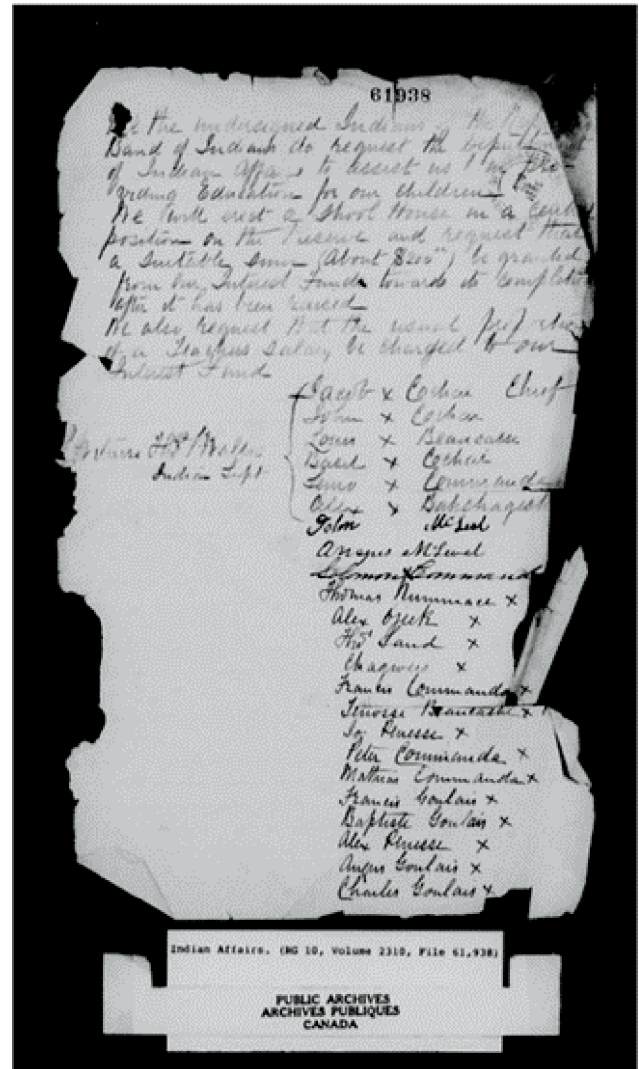
The school records we were interested in viewing are available in the Indian Affairs Record Group, also known as RG 10 and on microfilm. This 1885 petition from the Principal Men of Nipissing requesting a school be built in a “central location” on the reserve provides an example of the kinds of records you might find in these files ⁹. The records for the Garden Village School are organized under the following headings: Building and Maintenance, General Administration, Teachers Residence, and Teachers Salaries. In the reading room on the third floor at LAC, you can access the microfilm in large self serve filing cabinets and sit down at a microfilm reader, which you can see in this image to the right. We scanned more than 1500 separate files on these machines in two days. Research is exciting, tedious (we could not talk and scan), and can be frustrating. Katrina lost 300 individual scans the first day when the program crashed and erased her saved files.



At this time, we have a complete digitized record of existing Indian Affairs records of Nibisiing schools at Duchesnay, Beaucache, and Garden Village; however, more research is required to understand how and why Nibisiing schools were closed.

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Glenna Beaucage scanning records for the Beaucage Village Day School, LAC, Ottawa, 16 November, 2022. Photograph courtesy of Katrina Srigley.



LAC, RG 10, vol. 2310, Petition, Principal Men of Nipissing Reserve to Indian Agent.

⁶ On the role of the British empire in destroying the archival record: Ian Cobain, *The History Thieves: Secrets, Lies and the Shaping of a Modern Nation* (London, England: Granta Books, 2017).

⁷ On this Call to Action see: <https://www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/beyond-94/library-and-archives-canada-to-adopt-undrip-ensure-records-on-residential-schools-accessible-to-public>, last accessed 16 January, 2023.

⁸ For support at LAC see: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/indigenous-heritage/pages/indigenous-heritage.aspx>, last accessed 17 January, 2023. On archives generally: <https://biblio.laurentian.ca/research/sites/default/files/pictures/aboriginalarchivesguide.pdf>, last accessed 17 January, 2023. See also: Camille Callison, Lorie Roy, and Gretchen Alice LeCheminant, *Indigenous Notions of Ownership and Libraries, Archives, and Museums* (Berlin, Germany: Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2016); Richard Collins, *Researching your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada* (Ottawa: Canadian Genealogy Centre, 2004).

⁹ LAC, RG 10, vol. 2310, petition, Principal Men to Indian Agent Thomas Walton, Nipissing School, General Correspondence, circa 1885.

Visiting the Archives – the Records of the Duchesnay, Beaucache Bay and Garden Village Schools (Con't)

The record for the last school to remain open at Garden Village suggests the school was doing well and being supported. In 1942, the Indian Agent J.A. Marleau reported that teacher Miss Morris closed “her school on June 26th with a picnic for her pupils.” Marleau noted that “Miss Morris has had a very good attendance all year and prizes were awarded.” Marleau also reported that the building was “very badly in need of repairs,” **10**. By December 1942, plans were in place to repair the school and teacher’s residence. Louis Goulais and three other Nibisiing men were hired to complete these repairs. In June 1943, we learn that a different teacher, Miss E.M. Kelly, has resigned. The last teacher that the records note is Mrs Rose E. Fox who is appointed in November 1943. Less than a month later, she is no longer in the position. At this point, the file skips ahead to bills for transportation of Nibisiing children from Garden Village and Mosquito Creek to Sturgeon Falls in 1949 and another for a lock for the building in 1950. There are various things we might consider to help us understand the Garden Village school’s closure in 1943, including the wartime context, pressure to send children to residential school in Spanish and to provincial schools in Sturgeon Falls. You may be interested in reading these files and perhaps you will find answers we did not recognize. That is what makes research exciting. In the meantime, we will keep reviewing these records and look forward to hearing from you if you have questions about the archive, our heritage work, or you are interested in sharing stories with us about these schools.

10 LAC, RG 10, vol. 6130, part 3, J.A. Marleau to DIA, Agent’s Report for Month of June, 1942.

Notice to Vendors: Cigarette Quota

To access the Cigarette Quota for April 2023 to March 2024, you must submit a Letter of Request by the deadline of February 28, 2023.

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 First Nation Prohibits the Sale of Illicit Cannabis Products

Nipissing First Nation has been informed that some of our Nation’s businesses might be participating in the sale of illicit cannabis products. NFN would like to remind all members and businesses that the sale of cannabis products must comply with Nipissing First Nation Cannabis Law.

"No person shall sell Cannabis, Cannabis extracts or Cannabis accessories or products that may contain Cannabis other than an Authorized Cannabis Retailer."

"No person shall sell Cannabis to a person under 19 years of age."

(Commercial Retail - Nipissing First Nation Cannabis Law, 2019).

A digital copy of the Nipissing First Nation Cannabis Law can be viewed at nfn.ca/policies. Nipissing First Nation will be actively enforcing the Cannabis Law to ensure all local businesses are in full compliance.

For more information, please contact our Economic Development Officer:

zackl@nfn.ca
705-753-2050 ext. 1264

Adult Education Program

Get your High School Diploma!

Classes start now!

**Your diploma may be closer than you think.
Your life experience can make you eligible for
maturty or equivalency credits!**

Hours

Wednesdays
6 - 8 p.m.

Thursdays
6 - 8 p.m.

Garden Village (Library) Duchesnay (Nibisiing SS)

To register or for more information, contact:

Caroline Labreque
705-753-6995 or carolinel@nfn.ca

Employment Opportunities

To view the complete job posting:

visit nfn.ca/jobs

or

call 705-753-2050 to request a copy by mail, fax, or email.

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 registered members of other First Nations and spouses of registered NFN members.
- 3rd round 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 Ontario Human Rights Code, Nipissing First Nation gives preference to First Nation applicants for any employment opportunities.



**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

Snowplow Operator – Senior's Services

Full Time / Contract

1st Round Closes Friday, January 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, January 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, January 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

First Nation Representative

Full Time / Permanent

Open to all qualified applicants until filled

Junior First Nation Representative

Full Time / Contract

Open to all qualified applicants until filled

Office Administrator, Social Services

Full Time / Permanent

Open to all qualified applications until filled

Senior's Snow Shoveling / Recreational Maintenance Worker

Full Time / Contract

1st Round Closes Friday, January 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, January 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, January 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Nishnaabemwin Coordinator

Full Time / Permanent

Open to all qualified applicants until filled.

Animal Control Officer

Part Time / Permanent

Open to all registered NFN Members.

Closes Friday, January 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Personal Support Worker

Part Time / Permanent

Open to all qualified applicants until filled.

APPLY TODAY!

Submit application to:

resumes@nfn.ca

or

Fax: 705-753-0207

or

Human Resources Department

Nipissing First Nation

36 Semo Road

Garden Village, ON P2B 3K2

From the Desk of the Health Promotion Worker for the Right Path & LCHC

Lori-Anne McLeod

ASIST Suicide Intervention Skills for NFN Band Staff and Members

There are still spots open for the ASIST Suicide Intervention Skills workshop for February 8 and 9 for NFN Staff and Band Members for \$50.00 per person. Please call or register with Lori-Anne at 705-753-3312 Ext 2266 or loriannm@nfn.ca.

Smoking Cessation Aids

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program will provide, smoking cessation therapies. Talk to your health care provider or pharmacist about the right product, or combination of products, that is best for you. Smoking cessation therapies are used to help people quit smoking. NIHB clients are eligible in a 12-month period for coverage of:

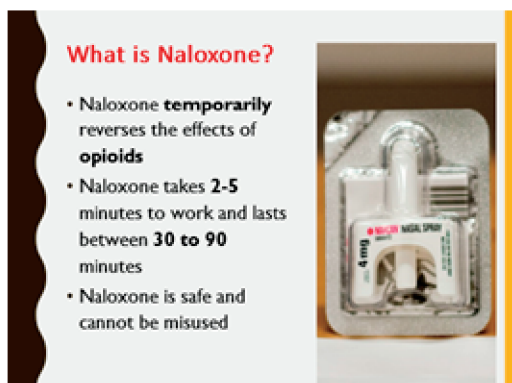
- Patches, gums, lozenges, inhalers or spray
- Zyban – 360 tablets per year
- Champix – 330 tablets per year

Some people need more than one form of treatment at a time to control cravings. NIHB will cover these products when used together, or separately.

Naloxone Kits

Be aware that Naloxone Kits have an expiry date. Look at the back of your kit if the date has expired you can get a new one or if it has been used replenish your kit. Naloxone can save lives.

Naloxone Kits and Training are available. Please contact Lisa Lurz at the Right Path at 705-753-1375 ext. 2255 or lial@nfn.ca.



Meal Kits

Jiibakweda Minwa Wiisnida | Let's Cook and Eat Together

For the months of February and March, we are offering cooking kits to make a selection of meals at home! Each kit will have ingredients (excluding some staples) and recipes for two meals. Each month will contain different recipes.

Order your kit(s) by February 16
Call the Health Centre at 705-753-3312
Choose February, March, or both

Kits will be available for pick up February 23 and March 23 at the Band Office and Duchesnay Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Make one of the recipes and submit a picture of your creation by March 30 to be entered to win a prize!
Email your picture to stellias@nfn.ca



Snowshoe Rentals

For NFN members and families

Over 10 pairs available, in youth to adult sizes,
for week long or weekend rental.

**For more information,
or to request a rental form, contact:**

Jon Watson

705-753-2050 ext. 6971

jonw@nfn.ca

A Love for Yourself: Managing your Diabetes

Monday, February 27, 2023

Noon to 1 p.m.

Duchesnay Community Centre

Guest speaker and topic to be announced
Join us for your chance to win great prizes!

Blood sugar screening available

11:30 a.m. to Noon

Catered lunch and transportation provided.

To register, call the Health Centre

705-753-3312





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

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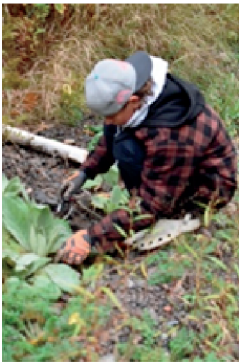
Outdoor Education

Students from Outdoor Education and Grade 10 Indigenous Studies courses were on hand in Garden Village to assist with the take down of the community lodge. Miigwech to Julie D for inviting the school to participate in this day.



How Land Medicines Help Us with Nathalie Restoule

Nathalie Restoule from the Anishinabek Nation came into our outdoor education class to share land medicine teachings. The land to see which medicines they could find on and around the school grounds.



Skoden Award – December

December's Skoden Award recipient is Cooper Faubert! Cooper has been working hard in class to complete all of his assignments. He shows bravery by asking for help when needed. He is respectful, listens during lessons, and works cooperatively with teachers and students. Congratulations Cooper!



Redhawks Athletics

Nbisiing kicked off the year with cross country where Kayne Gagne competed in the NDA Regional Championships coming in 5th place overall! Even more than his incredible running, we are so proud of how Kayne conducted himself. Kayne demonstrated the Seven Grandfather Teachings, showing respect and sportsmanship. Kayne is a joy to coach, and Reid wants to give a Chi-Miigwech to Kayne for his hard work and his wonderful attitude towards his competitors, race organizers, and of course, himself!



Light Photography with Katya Serre

Katya Serre, a digital design artist from Nipissing First Nation, ran a workshop from her organization, Digital Creator North, for Nbisiing's Photography class and taught students how to create light art.



Boozhoo Binoojiinkhyok Welcome, Babies!



Astrid Storm Stevens Morgan-Vega

October 22, 2022

11:42 a.m.

7lbs | 44 cm

Parents: Ethan Vega & Serena Morgan

Siblings: Tyrion Morgan Vega

Grandparents: Lisa Vega & Nathaniel Hughes; Jeff Lebrun; Kristi & Scott Gardiner

Great Grandparents: Arthur Stevens; Charlene & Roger Bellefeuille; Linda Lebrun; Alice & Percy Robinson

Brenna-Sky Minnie Penasse-Sutherland

April 28, 2022

4:15 a.m.

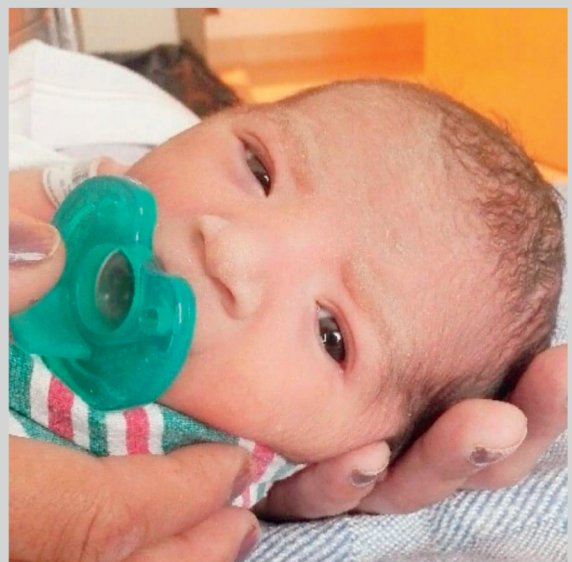
6lbs, 10 oz | 53 cm

Parents: Meaghan Penasse & Brendan Sutherland

Siblings: Breydan Penasse, Reign Sutherland, Nyla-Grace Penasse-Sutherland

Grandparents: Allan & Cindy Penasse, Linda McLeod & Robert Barns; Lizzie Martinas & Jonathan Sutherland

Great Grandparents: Anne McLeod & Minnie Martinas



Boozhoo binoojinkyok



Welcome, Babies!

Evan John Carmichael

September 7, 2022

3:00 p.m.

9lbs 3oz | 50 cm

Parents: Megan Goulais and Colin Carmichael

Siblings: Bentley Carmichael

Grandparents: Harry Goulais and Paulette LeBlanc, Virginia Sutherland / Harnold and Carol Ann Carmichael

Great Grandparents: Nora Goulais



Haven Margret Lisa Prentice

October 30, 2022

9:41 a.m.

6lbs, 13 oz | 51 cm

Parents: Chelsey Monk

Siblings: Rowan Prentice

Grandparents: Robert Commanda, Rhea Chevrier

Great Grandparents: Irene Chevrier, Harvey Chevrier, June Commanda



Kashtin Lyric Arthur Beaucage

May 26, 2022

6:49 p.m.

7lbs, 6 oz | 51 cm

Parents: Sarah-Jean Fisher & Danny Beaucage

Siblings: Peyton Beaucage

Grandparents: Nila & Arthur Fisher, Glenna Beaucage

Great Grandparents: Kathleen McLeod



Boozhoo binoojinkhyok



Welcome, Babies!

Lucheenia April Carmen James

March 11, 2022

12:36 p.m.

7 lbs, 6 oz | 48 cm

Parents: Kevin James & Kelly Stevens

Siblings: Thunder, Cedar, Sapphire

Grandparents: April Judge & Julian Stevens,
Lawrence & Carmen James

Great Grandparents: Mary Jane Stevens &
Arthur Miner



Moiria Katherine Mary Turner

August 27, 2022

5:23 p.m.

11lbs, 12 oz | 22.5 in

Parents: Kaitlin McLeod and Jordan Turner

Siblings: Lucille (Lucy)

Grandparents: Judy and the late Louie McLeod /
Evelyn Salt and Russell Turner

Great Grandparents: Charlie & Juliet Gagnon /
Roy Turner & Bella Ross / Leonard McLeod /
Emily & Joe Salt



Sawyer Camron Couchie-Penasse

June 21, 2022

9:19 a.m.

7 lbs

Parents: Justice Penasse and Kye Couchie

Siblings: Garrus Couchie Penasse

Grandparents: Vanessa Penasse, Mike McLeod,
Michael Fontaine, Aylan Couchie

Great Grandparents: Karen Penasse, Gerry
Chartrand, Eva Rohde Couchie, Ruth Beattie,
Daryl Couchie





Theo Makenzy Lariviere

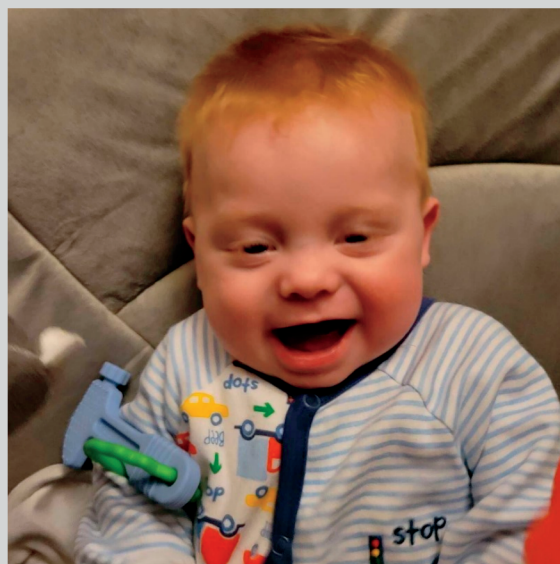
July 16, 2022

5:41 p.m.

5 lbs

Parents: Chantale Jodouin and Cody Lariviere

Grandparents: Wayne and Wendy Lariviere,
Anne-Marie Daoust, Denis Jodouin



Tyrian Paul Robin Morgan-Vega

September 2, 2021

9:47 a.m.

7 lbs, 14 oz | 51 cm

Parents: Ethan Vega & Serena Morgan

Grandparents: Lisa Vega & Nathaniel Hughes;
Jeff Lebrun; Kristi & Scott Gardiner

Great Grandparents: Arthur Stevens; Charlene
& Roger Bellefeuille; Linda Lebrun; Alice & Percy
Robinson

Willow Nancy Twance

April 10, 2022

10:10 p.m.

7lbs, 14 oz | 19 in

Parents: Melanie Beaucage & Keith Twance

Siblings: Sequoia Twance

Grandparents: Glenna Beaucage & Ralph Beaucage
Ban of NFN; Carol & Keith Twance Sr of Pic River FN

Great Grandparents: Kathleen McLeod & Fred McLeod
Ban, Stella Ban & Isidore Beaucage Ban of NFN; Nancy
Ban & Basil Desmoulin Ban, Marily Ban & Russell Twance
Ban of Pic River First Nation.



Kidwinan (Words)

Wiinmoshe Giizhgak (Valentine's Day)

Gzaagin	I love you
Skinkeni ezaaged	Hold hands with one you love
Mikwendmin	Thinking of you
Waabgowaniin	Flowers
Wiinmoshenh	Sweetheart
Ziibaaktoons	Candy
Skigweni	Hug
Jiimi	Kiss him/her
Jiimshin	Kiss me
Ogaanswi	He/she's smooching
Miigwe	To give
Miingoo	To receive

Ngodweyaangizwaad Giizhgak (Family Day)

Nbaabaa	My father
Nmaamaa	My mother
Ndikwem	My wife
Ndiniim	My husband
Ndaanis	My daughter
Ngwis	My son
Ngookmis	My grandmother
Nmishoomis	My grandfather
Nozhenh	My aunt
Nmishoome	My uncle
Ndanwendaagan	My cousin

Kdaa paawijjiwish na?

Do you want to go out with me?

Enh heh
Yes

Gaawin
No

Mno-gizheb ndaanis

Good morning, my daughter

Mkwamii Wewebnaabii (Ice Fishing)

Mkwamiing	On the ice
Zaagiganing	On the lake
Naawaj	Out on the lake
Mgiskanaak	Fishing rod
Mgiskan	Fish hook
Giigookegamik	Fish shack
Gijii-gooning mbembizod daabaanes	Skidoo
Giigoonyens	Minnows
Wewebnaabii mnigoosh	Fish worm
Bigidaabii	He/she's ice fishing
Mkwaneg	Making holes on ice
Gaans	Pickrel
Gnoozhe	Pike
Saawens	Perch

Wi-wewebnaabiidaa, shkwaa nokiiyang

Let's go ice fishing after work



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take me home with you

Trista Hester

take me home with you,
the place where I let me,
rest and gracefully fall apart into loving fragments,
into your arms,
you brush my fingers in my soft hair,
and I lull into your vastly impeccable world,
you take care of me,
I had a long day,
and your love pours all around me,
like the river when it breaks in spring,
the potion that glistens me,
flourishes me,
and I feel so content,
laying with you,
and you love me for who I am,
you let me be,
unravelling myself to you,
it's like a mirror and my reflection is onto you,
you are the boat I get onto that calmly drifts along the water,
and it lets my thoughts run themselves out,
you say nothing,
there isn't any explanation
and it feels like home to me,
I settled myself in with you,
home,
where I am me,
home,
where you are you,
and we can just be

Poker Walk for Health

Come out and walk at your own pace for a chance to win prizes. Walk 10 laps and receive a Poker Card. Best hand wins!

Garden Village (NFN Administration New Wing Lobby)

Four weeks from Noon to 1 p.m.

February 13 - 17

February 21 - 24

February 27 - March 3

March 6 - 10

A lunch will be provided on the last day (March 10).

To register, contact Lori-Anne: 705-753-3312 ext. 2266 or loriannm@nfn.ca

Event is provided by the LCHC and funded by Anishinabek Responsible Gambling

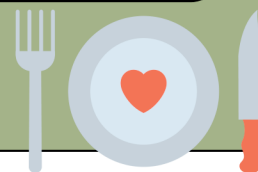


Diner's Club for NFN Seniors 55+

Wednesday, February 8

Garden Village Complex

For more information, contact Stella Solomon: 705-753-3312



NIPISSING FIRST NATION

Wewebnaabiing Community Ice Fishing

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023 | 10:30AM-4:30PM

**MEET AT THE CHURCH
BASEMENT (G.V)**

**RAFFLES, DERBY PRIZES,
WIENER ROAST
SNOWSHOEING,
FEAST (4 P.M.) & MORE**

**EARLY BIRD GETS THE
WORM**

**Arrive & register before
11 a.m. for a chance to win
one of our 10 Special
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SCRIMMAGE**

See NFN February Events calendar on last page of Enkamgak!

Children & Youth Events

1

Leafs Game and Pizza

6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

New wing lobby.

Transportation provided.

Register with Katie at katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

1

Kids Social

6 - 8 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with Amanda at amandap@nfn.caAges
5 to 12

2

Baby & Mommy Group

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location TBD

Register with Amanda at amandap@nfn.caAges
4 & under

4

Animal Mask Making

1 - 4 p.m.

Garden Village Gym Complex

Register with Ian at ianc@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

8

Youth Social

6 - 9 p.m.

New wing lobby.

Register with Katie @ katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

7

Baby & Mommy Group

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location TBD

Register with Amanda at amandap@nfn.caAges
4 & under

10

Animal Mask Making

6 - 9 p.m.

Duchesnay Hall

Register with Ian at ianc@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

11

Youth Valentine's Video Dance

7 p.m. - Midnight

Garden Village
Gym ComplexRegister with Katie @ katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

12

Youth Super Bowl Party

6 - 10 p.m.

Garden Village
Gym ComplexRegister with Katie @ katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

13

Valentine Craft Night

6 - 8 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with
Amanda at
amandap@nfn.caAges
5 to 12

15

Leafs Game and Pizza

6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

New wing lobby.

Transportation provided.

Register with Katie at katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

13

Valentine's Day Soap Making

6 - 9 p.m.

New wing lobby.

Register with Katie @ katiel@nfn.caAges
13 to 24

16

Baby & Mommy Group

Time TBD

Location TBD

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4 & under

15

Story Time with Gookmis

6 - 8 p.m.

NFN Kendaaswin (Library)

Register with Amanda at
amandap@nfn.caAges
12 & Under

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Children & Youth Events (Con't)

17 **Naming Ceremony** **Ages 13 to 24**
Teachings 6 - 9 p.m.
 NFN Kendaaswin (Library)
 Register with Ian at ianc@nfn.ca



18 **Game Night** **Ages 13 to 24**
 1 - 4 p.m.
 NFN Kendaaswin (Library)
 Register with Ian at ianc@nfn.ca




Calling all minions
Movie Night in honor of Makenzy Lariviere 

Time to be determined **Sunday, February 19th** **Location: Garden village Gym**

Come and celebrate our Warrior
 Food, snacks & drinks will be provided
 Register with Amandap@nfn.ca
 NFN band members and Affiliates



21 **Beading with Lily Armstrong** **Ages 10 to 12**
 6 - 8 p.m.
 NFN Kendaaswin (Library)
 Register with Amanda at amandap@nfn.ca




21 **Leafs Game and Pizza** **Ages 13 to 24**
 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
 New wing lobby.
 Transportation provided.
 Register with Katie at katiel@nfn.ca




22 **Youth Social** **Ages 13 to 24**
 6 - 9 p.m.
 New wing lobby
 Register with Katie @ katiel@nfn.ca



23 **Homework Club** **Ages 13 to 24**
 6 - 9 p.m.
 NFN Kendaaswin (Library)



23 **Baby & Mommy Group** **Ages 4 & under**
 Time TBD
 Location TBD
 Register with Amanda at amandap@nfn.ca



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APS IS HIRING!

The Anishinabek Police Service is happy to announce that the Provincial Government has provided funding for additional police officers and we are actively hiring. There are province wide opportunities.

Our hiring process can be found on our website at www.apscops.org under the career tab.

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- 3 Little Brothers in North Bay waiting for Big Brothers
- 1 Little Brother in Mattawa waiting for a Big Brother

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Community Events

Mkwa Giizis (Bear Moon) | February 2023

Namegiizhghad Sunday	Nokiigiizhghad Monday	Niizhgiizhghad Tuesday	Aabtaawse Wednesday	Shpinganwang Thursday	Jiibiiatgogiizhghad Friday	Maaniigiizhghad Saturday
Poker Walk for Health: Noon - 1 p.m. February 13 - 17 February 21-24 February 27 - March 3			Food Bank Access Day  1 Kids Social 6 p.m. Leafs Game 6:30 p.m.	2 Baby & Mommy Group 10 a.m.	3	4 Animal Mask Making 1 p.m.
5 	6	7 Baby & Mommy Group 10 a.m. Chief and Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. 	8 Diner's Club Youth Social 6 p.m.	9	10 Animal Mask Making 6 p.m.	11 Youth Valentine's Video Dance 7 p.m.
12 Youth Super Bowl Party 6 p.m.	13 Valentine's Day Soap Making 6 p.m. Valentine Craft Night 6 p.m. 	14	15 Food Bank Access Day  Storytime with Gookmis 6 p.m. Leafs Game 6:30 p.m.	16 Baby & Mommy Group 10 a.m.	17 Naming Ceremony Teachings 6 p.m.	18 Game Night 1 p.m. Community Ice Fishing 10:30 a.m.
19	20 Family Day 	21 Beading with Lily Armstrong 6 p.m. Chief and Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. 	22 Youth Social 6 p.m. 	23 Baby & Mommy Group 10 a.m. Homework Club 6 p.m.	24	25 Land Code Amendments Vote
26 	27	28	Mukwa Miikan Landfill Hours: Saturday - Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. <i>Closed during statutory holidays</i>			

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