

Enkamgak



Daatkaagminag Giizis (Blackberry Moon) | August 2025

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Duchesnay Elders' Lodge Officially Opens, Strengthening Community Care

Nipissing First Nation (NFN) has officially opened a new Elders' Lodge in Duchesnay, named *Enji-naakdawendmindwaa*, providing much-needed assisted living units that allow NFN Elders to remain in their home community, surrounded by culture, family, and familiar spaces.

The new facility is part of a larger project that includes 10 assisted living units in Garden Village and 10 in Duchesnay. These units offer supportive living with 24/7 staffing, meal services, cleaning, and the possibility of person care through Home and Community Care staff.

More than 70 people attended the grand opening on June 30, enjoying tours led by the Home and Community Care team, a light lunch, and sweet treats from Ever Cool Ice Cream. Elders and community members gathered to celebrate, filling the new space with conversation, laughter, and shared pride.



Entrance of Elders' Lodge in Duchesnay

The project responds directly to community feedback and identified housing gaps. In 2023, NFN secured \$6.85 million in funding from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative to support the projects in Garden Village and Duchesnay.

"This project has been decades in the making," says Yvette Bellefeuille, Councillor for NFN. "The vision has evolved over the years, but the goal has always been the same – to keep our Elders close to home, in a space that

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NFN Membership Portal

- **View confidential documents** (Robinson Huron Treaty Past Annuities Settlement, Chief & Council)
- Sign up to **receive Enkamgak / Newsletter** and/or **Job Postings by email**.
- **Student registration**

Register at
portal.nfn.ca or
scan the QR
code:



Duchesnay Elders' Lodge Officially Opens, Strengthening Community Care (continued)

reflects their culture and importance to our Nation.”

“This is more than a building,” says Donna Dodgson, Interim CEO of NFN. “It is the result of listening to our members and responding to the gaps they identified. With support from CMHC, we’ve created a place of dignity, connection, and care for our Elders.”



Bernard Bouchard, George Howard, Phil Goulais and Dwayne Nashkawa



Attendees enjoying a treat from Ever Cool Ice Cream. Photo by Bob Goulais.

Bed with handmade quilt, made and donated by Donna Couchie



Attend Chief and Council Meetings and Submit Requests

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

NFN members can attend in-person or virtually.

**August 5 @
7:30 p.m.
Garden Village**

If you have a request for Council, complete the request form at nfn.ca/chief-council and submit by 4 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the meeting. These can be dropped off to the front reception at 36 Semo Rd, Garden Village or emailed to kaylal@nfn.ca.

Requests could also be made at the meeting. Due to the number of items for Council to deal with on the agenda, **Requests from the Floor** are limited to 10 minutes per request and only three will be dealt with at the meeting. Depending on the request, the items may need to be deferred to the next meeting if additional information is needed.

If you have any questions, contact Kayla Lariviere at 705-753-2050 ext. 1223 or kaylal@nfn.ca.

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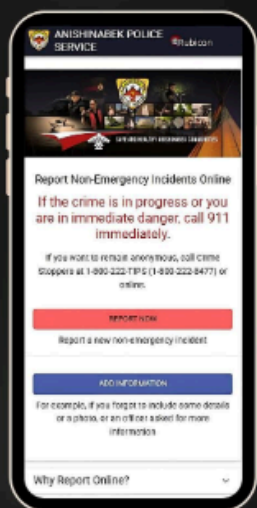
Confirm your attendance with
Kayla

WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:

Portal.NFN.ca

Recordings of past meetings are available for 30 days.

**YOU ASKED.
WE LISTENED.**



Residents can now report non-emergency crimes to police anytime, anywhere, from any device.

Visit anishinabekpolice.ca and click *Report Online*.

Quentin “Que Rock” Commanda Returns Home to Inspire the Next Generation of Artists

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As an Anishinaabe graffiti artist, Commanda’s work has evolved from quick pieces to large-scale street projects and canvas paintings. Rooted in Anishinaabe teachings and methods, he focuses on creating smooth transitions of color, blending abstract forms with realism and expressionism. “I call my style ‘making the woodlands dance,’” says Commanda. His goal is to share the teachings of his ancestors by incorporating sacred geometry into his work, creating a visual healing experience for viewers.

Through a new mentorship program, Commanda will guide NFN youth in painting a mural from start to finish, while teaching them about professional art practices,

including industry standards, materials, jargon and etiquette.

Stay tuned to NFN’s channels for details on how youth can get involved in this exciting project!



Quentin “Que Rock” Commanda



Meridian Hall - “Original Six Nations Peace Treaty Story” Mural 2021

Recognize those who Walk the Good Path: Nominate a Community Member for Taamgozin Nokiiyan

NFN Social Services invites you to nominate a community member who is making a positive difference in our NFN community and walking a good path. This recognition celebrates the strength, dedication, kindness and resilience of those uplifting others in our community. Each month, we will lift up and recognize a valued NFN member. Complete the [Nomination Form](#).

If your nomination is the recipient for the month, they will receive a **YETI cup and a grocery gift card!**



Taamgozin Nokiiyan July 2025 Recipient: Meaghan Penasse

"I would like to nominate Meaghan Penasse in recognition of the service she provides to our community. Meaghan is a roll model on how you can give back. She has created a Facebook page called NFN Community Kitchen where she reposts everything from different pages that will help our members to make sure they see opportunities that are available for them. If members have extra food that they cooked and want to advertise on this Facebook page for other members who might be less fortunate, just so they have a hot meal. There have been times she has also ensured the food gets delivered to these people also if they don't have transportation. This Facebook page is of great assistance to our members. Thank you Meaghan, for caring. Your service is appreciated."

NFN Golf Tournament Raises Over \$24,000 to Support Local Families

Miigwech to everyone who took part in the 33rd Annual NFN Charity Golf Tournament, we raised \$24,397.30 to help local families!

The money is being split between two important causes:

- **NFN Food Bank** – \$12,198.65
- **NFN Fire Victim Relief Fund** – \$12,198.65

The tournament brought together community members, sponsors, and volunteers for a fun day of golf at Osprey Links Golf Course. Thank you to course owner Jeff Rogerson and his team for keeping the course in great shape and for their top-notch service.

A chi-miigwech to the organizers: Corri Daniels, Jasmine Goulais, Jennifer Stevens, and Courtney Commanda – your hard work made this event a success!

Tournament Champions

- Women's Team: Tammy, Aircka, Vanessa and Karen Penasse
- Mixed Team: Kerri Lariviere, Kyle Beaudette, Gwen Dokis, Katie Lariviere
- Men's Team: Devon Busch, Bruce Busch, Patrick Etmanski, Shawn Watkins



Aircka, Tammy, Vanessa and Karen Penasse



Raymond McLeod, Stacey Fisher, Ethan Fisher, John Fisher Jr.

Miigwech to our Sponsors!

Thank you,
to all teams, sponsors, and everyone at Osprey
Links Golf Course, for your contributions to a fun
day of golf and your support to the NFN Foodbank
and Fire Department Victim Relief Fund.

Title Sponsor | STAAL Utility



Platinum Sponsors

Peace Hills Trust
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Young Forestry
Miller Group



Gold Sponsors

Composite Power



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Canadian Hock Exchange
Ottawa Valley Railway
Colliers Project Leaders

Hole in One Sponsors

True North Chev Olds
Jamie Restoule

Cash Donations

Gen 7
Jocko Point Fish and Chips

Trophies

Sturgeon Etching



Sign Up for the After-School Children's Program

Registration opens Monday, August 4, 2025.
Watch our website for the online forms!

The **Integrated Children's Program** (a program that brings different children's services together in one place) runs from **September to June** for children **6 to 12**.

This year, the program is also open to families in the **east-end communities** and will be held at Nbisiing Secondary School in **Duchesnay**.

Program details:

- Monday to Friday | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- Homework help
- Healthy snacks
- Arts and crafts
- Fun games and activities

Need a paper form or have questions? Contact:

Jessica Commanda	Kelsey McNeill
jessicac@nfn.ca	kelseym@nfn.ca
705-753-6995 ext. 1261	705-753-6995 ext. 1261

2025-2026 Education Department and Bussing Registration

Register your child with the NFN Education Department to **take Nbisiing Bus Lines (required)** and to be eligible for **start-up allowance, incentives and awards!**

Submit student registration online via the **NFN Membership Portal** or download the form at **NFN.ca/education**. For more information, contact the Education Department:



**NBISIING
BUS LINES**

☎ 705-753-6995
70 Semo Road
Garden Village
ON P2B 3K2

DON'T RUN. CALL 9-1-1.

Every drug poisoning is a medical emergency.

Recognize the signs and call 9-1-1 right away:

- choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- extreme drowsiness, difficulty walking, talking, or staying awake
- inability to wake up, even when shaken or shouted at
- slow, weak, or no breathing
- cold and clammy skin
- blue lips or nails
- very small pupils
- dizziness and confusion

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act can protect you.

Even if you've taken drugs or have some on you, the *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act* can protect you. This means those who seek emergency assistance during a drug overdose, including youth, will not be charged for offences such as simple possession.

APS officers and other first responders carry naloxone; we just want to assist.

Carry naloxone.

Naloxone is a safe, lifesaving medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid poisoning. Naloxone will not harm someone who does not have opioids in their system. When in doubt, use it.



Nbisiing Secondary School
Soar to excellence, & embrace Nishinaabe culture at Nbisiing

**Open House & Information Session
For Grade 9 September Registration**

**Thursday, August 21, 2025
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

CAN'T MAKE IT?
Call to book a school tour!

4498 Couchie Memorial Drive, North Bay • 705-497-9938 • www.nbisiing.com • @nbisiingsecondaryschool

Site Visit to Solstice Gold's Strathy Project Near Temagami

On April 17, 2025 Curtis Avery, Environment Manager, and Zack Lafleur, Economic Development Manager, joined technical staff from Temagami First Nation for a joint site visit to Solstice Gold's Strathy Project at the historic Leckie Mine site near Temagami. The visit marked an important step in Nipissing First Nation's ongoing engagement with Solstice Gold, which has been consulting with NFN since late 2024.

The Strathy Gold Project aims to responsibly redevelop the former Leckie Mine site with a focus on environmental protection and meaningful Indigenous partnership. Discussions are currently underway to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding that will provide Nipissing First Nation with own-source revenue, job creation, training opportunities, and environmental oversight to ensure that development is carried out in a way that respects the land and surrounding ecosystems.



Left to right: Jacob Evans (TFN Land Guardian), Pablo Macdonald (CEO, Solstice Gold), Victoria Windsor (TFN Lands & Resources Acting Manager/GIS Lands Technician), Curtis Avery (NFN Environment Manager), Marco St Georges (President, Canadian Drilling Group), Zack Lafleur (NFN Economic Development Manager)

Empowering Indigenous Voices



Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association (OFNEDA) is inviting eight Indigenous youth—two from each of our four chapters (view the [OFNEDA chapter map](#)) across Ontario—ages 15 to 30, who are passionate about economic development, entrepreneurship, or career exploration in these fields.

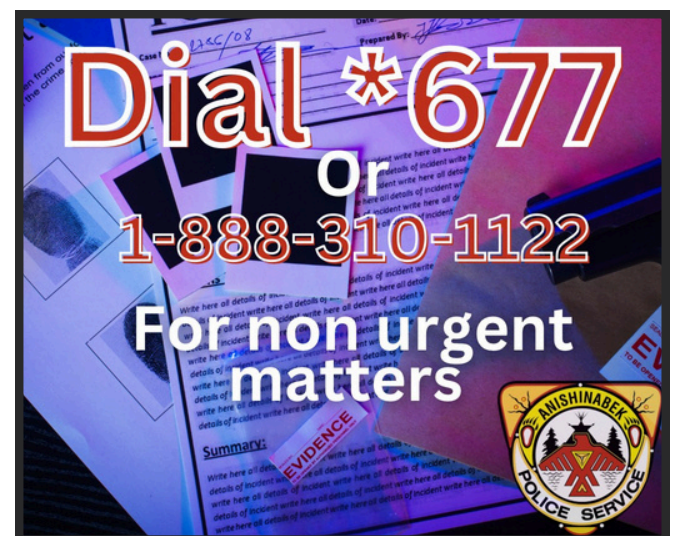
Selected participants will have their travel expenses covered to attend the **14th First Nations Economic Advancement Conference** in Thunder Bay from September 15–18, 2025. If under 18, a chaperone's travel will also be covered.

[Apply for this opportunity:](#)



If you need help with this form, please contact

Reema Chopra, Marketing and Training Director, at marketingdirector@ofneda.ca.



Learn about the Proposed Wind Energy Project

More Chances to Share your Thoughts During Pow Wow Weekend

Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is working with Innergex Renewable Energy to explore a wind energy project (using wind to create electricity). Two community engagement sessions were held in Garden Village and Duchesnay in June to share information and gather member input.

The project is part of a bigger plan by Ontario's electricity system operator, called the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), to bring in more clean energy (energy from natural sources like wind and sun that doesn't create pollution). The program is called the LT2 RFP (Long-Term Request for Proposals – a way the government asks companies to offer new energy projects). Through our Gidaabik partnership with Innergex (a company that runs 91 clean energy sites across the world), NFN is in a strong position to be part of this opportunity.



NFN members attend the proposed wind energy project consultation in Duchesnay Hall on June 19, 2025.

What the Wind Project Could Look Like:

- 25 to 30 wind turbines placed about 20 km from NFN's boundary
- 150 megawatts of electricity (enough to power about 60,000 homes a year)
- Construction jobs for up to 150 workers
- 10 permanent jobs for wind turbine technicians
- Revenue for NFN, and contracts for member-owned and NFN-owned businesses

We first partnered with Innergex in 2014, but the work paused in 2018 when the Province stopped wind projects. Now that wind projects are back on the table, we are moving forward again.

What Happened at the Info Sessions:

Instead of a long speech, we set up information stations so members could move at their own pace, ask questions, and give feedback directly to NFN staff and Innergex.

Thank you to everyone who came out to learn and share their thoughts.

Next Chance to Learn More:

Innergex will be back during NFN's Pow Wow weekend – August 30 to September 1. Come out, ask questions, and have your voice heard.

New Non-Permanent Structure Law Now in Effect



Nipissing First Nation has enacted a Non-Permanent Structure Law to regulate the use of trailers, tents, sheds, and similar structures used as temporary shelters on NFN lands.

A permit is required if a structure is used for more than 14 consecutive days in a calendar year, including for structures already in place before the law took effect. **Use between November 30 and May 1 is prohibited** unless specifically permitted. Non-permanent structures are **not allowed on vacant land**, and must comply with waste disposal, safety, and zoning regulations. Permits must be visibly displayed, and violations **may result in fines up to \$5,000.**

For more information or to apply, contact the NFN Lands Department and refer to Schedule D of the law.



📞 705-753-2922

Kendaaswin / Library



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Nishnaabemwin Lesson

Prepared By Blair Beaucage & Brooklyn Sawyer

Zhashk - Muskrat

Bineshiinh - Bird

Zhiishiib - Duck

Gaazhgenhs - Cat

Ojeek - Fisher

Nka - Goose

Amik - Beaver

Nimosh - Dog

Ngig - Otter

Migizi - Eagle

Mooz - Moose

Waabooz - Rabbit

Giigoonh - Fish

Gookookoo - Owl

Waawaashgesh - Deer

Mnidooshag - Bugs

Ginebik - Snake

Maang - Loon

Makwa - Bear

Memengwaa - Butterfly

Mkinaak - Turtle

Shagi - Crane

Ma'iingan - Wolf

Waagosh - Fox

Nishnaabeshimod - Nishnaabe dancing.

Biingeshmowin - Come dancing in the grand entry.

Wi-mnayi - Go give them water.

Chi-niimin - Dance hard!

Pimeshmon - He/she dances sideways. (side step)



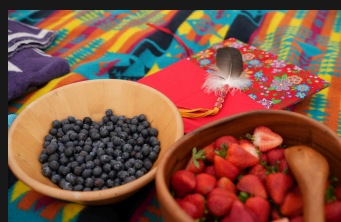
Dewegan - Drum

Semaa - Tobacco

Giizhik - Cedar

Wiingash - Sweet Grass

Mashkodeshkimii - Sage



Photos from the Blanket and Leadership Handover Ceremony NFN hosted on May 30, 2025. Read more in [July 2025 Enkamgak](#).

NFN Walking Alongside Services: July at a Glance

In July, the NFN Walking Alongside Services held the following events:

- Youth Sweat Lodge Ceremony
- Youth Nishnaabemwin Dinner
- Youth Pow Wow Prep
- Youth Temagami Pow Wow
- Star Wars Nishnaabemwin Movie Night
- Science North Trip
- Kids Cricut Workshop
- Baby Groups
- Family Fun Day BBQ
- Managing Emotions
- Duchesnay & Garden Village Drop-In
- Kids campfire & water fun
- Family strawberry picking at Leisure Farms
- Carousel & Train in North Bay
- Scavenger Hunt
- Learn Nishnaabemwin
- Spa Day
- Community Clean up
- Photography Session
- Baby Moccasin Wraps



See upcoming child, youth, and family events on pages 13-20.

Pick up a Free Summer Activity List for your Family!



Looking for fun things to do with your family this summer? Grab a free **Family Summer Bucket List** from the Recreation Activator at the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre (58 Semo Rd., Garden Village) or call 705-753-6971.

The pamphlet includes fun ideas like berry picking, a road trip, swimming, hiking, golfing and more!

Pick up free fresh veggies while supplies last!

Get free vegetables from **Leisure Farms** and fresh lettuce from **Mnogin Greenhouse**!

Open from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until everything is gone) See the **events calendar (last page)** for pickup dates and locations. Dates may change (weather) - check NFN Administration on Facebook/Instagram for updates.

Bring your own bags!

For more info, call the Health Centre at 705-753-3312



NFN Food Bank

Donations

Donations can be brought to the NFN Front Reception (36 Semo Rd., Garden Village) or to the NFN Food Bank (19 Philip Ave., Garden Village).

In June 2025, the NFN Food Bank received generous donations from the following individuals and organizations:

- Patrick and Samantha Stevens (monthly donation)
- Les Couchi
- Summer Solstice

Miigwech for your donations!

Hello Summer Raffle



Tickets

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Draw Date

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Ticket Purchasing Locations:

NFN North Reception
NFN Main Reception
NFN Food Bank
Don's Butcher Shop
Wolve's Den
Supplies For the Soul

- 1st prize:** BBQ + bundle
2nd prize: Yeti Cooler + Wolves Den gift card
3rd prize: Don's Butcher Shop + Tim Horton's gift cards

How Convenient
Arrowhead Gas Bar
Tim's Convenience
Eagles Nest
Northern Convenience
Traditional Medicine

Missed It? Here's What Happened at the Cancer Screening Info Session

On Thursday, July 17, the Community Wellness – Recreation & Education team at the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre hosted a cancer screening info session in Garden Village with the North East Regional Cancer Program.

The session focused on Indigenous health and the **four free cancer screening programs** (breast, lung, cervical and colorectal).

These screenings are free for those who qualify and help catch cancer early, when it's easier to treat.

Guests were able to ask questions, learn about culturally safe care, and see how screening fits into a holistic (whole-person) approach to health and wellness.

The event also featured a short animated video series, **“Conversations About Cancer for Indigenous People.”** with Dr. Erin Peltier, a First Nations family doctor. She shares how cancer screening can honour culture, identity, and traditional teachings.

Early detection saves lives — please help share this message in your circles.



Watch “Conversations About Cancer for Indigenous People” videos [here](#).

Learn more about cancer screening at Cancer Care Ontario



Join our Community Circles

This summer and fall, we're shifting from **Community Fires to Community Circles** — safe, welcoming gatherings to connect, reflect, and support one another.

Wednesdays & Sundays | 3–6 p.m.
Garden Village Community Lodge
beside Holy Spirit Church, 285 Ted Commanda Dr.

Aunties' Circle

The Right Path's Adult Mental Health Therapist started Aunties Circles, a safe space for community members to connect through care and culture.

The circles honour Aunties as nurturers and knowledge-keepers, creating a supportive group of women who uplift each other and the community.

Rooted in traditional teachings, participants bring beadwork, sewing, or journals to inspire talks.

New members are welcome. The group also supports young women without female role models by sharing lessons on womanhood, motherhood, and community.

Blastomycosis: What You Need to Know

What is it?

Blastomycosis is a lung infection caused by breathing in spores from a soil fungus called Blastomyces. It does not spread between people or from dogs to humans. Symptoms can take up to three months to appear.

Where is it found?

It's found across Ontario, especially in the north, in moist soil near water. Spores are released when soil, leaves, or wood are disturbed.

Watch for symptoms:

- Ongoing cough
- Trouble breathing
- Chest pain
- Fever or night sweats
- Weight loss
- Extreme tiredness

What to do:

If you have any of these symptoms — even for a while — see a health care provider and mention Blastomycosis. Blastomycosis is serious, but treatable. Mild cases can be treated at home. Severe cases may need hospital care. Some people have no symptoms and recover on their own.

WE'RE HIRING!

EMPLOYMENT

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

- 1st Round: Open to all NFN members.
- 2nd Round: Open to registered members of other First Nations and spouses and children of registered NFN members.
- 3rd Round: 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.

Full postings and descriptions are available at nfn.ca/jobs

Gwekwaadziwin Driver | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Gwekwaadziwin Shkaabewis | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance Manager | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Human Resources Generalist | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Personal Support Worker | 2 Vacancies -1 Full-time / Permanent, 1 Part-Time/Contract

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Human Resources Generalist | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Accounts Payable Coordinator | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, July 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Manager, Giyak Moseng – The Right Path | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, July 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Manager, Home & Community Care | Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, July 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, August 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Open to all qualified applicants until filled

Human Resources

HR Systems & Services Coordinator

Full-Time / Contract

Finance

Accounts Payable Officer

Full-Time / Permanent

EMPLOYMENT

Social Services

Social Cultural Coordinator

First Nation Representative

Transitional Housing Support Worker

Post Majority Support Coordinator

Child and Youth Shelter Support

Full-Time / Permanent:

Open to Round 1 and 2 applicants only.

Child and Youth Program Facilitator

Governance, Culture, Language & Heritage

Senior Policy Analyst

Full-time / Permanent



Education

Independent Learning Coordinator

Full-Time / Permanent

Intermediate Senior Teacher with Cooperative Education Qualifications

Full-Time / Permanent

Health Services

Full-Time / Permanent

Medical Transportation Driver

Adult Mental Health Therapist

Elders' Lodge Caregiver



SAT
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AUGUST

NISHNAABEMWIN DINNER

North Bay | 5 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.



Register: ianc@nfn.ca

TUES
5
AUGUST

CHIEF COMMANDA / BEACH DAY

North Bay | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.



Register: katiel@nfn.ca

TUES
5, 12
AUGUST

BABY GROUP

Sundown Ridge Chalet #3 | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For NFN parents and their children aged 0-5.



Register: samm@nfn.ca

TUES
5
AUGUST

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION FOR A PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT BY CARBONFREE TECHNOLOGY

Duchesnay Community Hall | 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This session will provide details about the project, its potential economic benefits, and include a Q&A opportunity.



Register: zackl@nfn.ca

See NFN August 2025 Events calendars on last page of Enkamgak!

For updates on Walking Alongside Services events, follow [@NFNWAS](https://www.facebook.com/NFNWAS)

WED

6

AUGUST

YOUTH CRICUT WORKSHOP

Garden Village Church Basement | Noon - 4 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

WED

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AUGUST

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT GIVEAWAY

Garden Village Gym | 4 - 6 p.m.

Free gently used youth hockey equipment for NFN Members & Affiliates.

Register: jonw@nfn.ca

WED

6, 13

AUGUST

DUCHESNAY DROP-IN

Duchesnay Community Hall | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

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THURS
7, 28
AUGUST

GARDEN STAND

Nbisiing Secondary School Parking Lot | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Until supplies last)
For NFN Members & Affiliates. FREE fresh vegetables from Leisure Farms and
FREE fresh lettuce from the Mnogin Greenhouse. Bring your own bags.



For more information: [705-753-3312](tel:705-753-3312)

THURS
7, 14,
21, 28
AUGUST

YOGA

Garden Village Baseball Field | Noon - 1 p.m.

For NFN Members & Affiliates. Every Thursday during the month of August.

THURS
7
AUGUST

SPLASH PAD DAY

North Bay Splash Pad | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For NFN parents and their children aged 0-5.



Register: samm@nfn.ca

THURS
7
AUGUST

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT GIVEAWAY

Duchesnay Community Hall | 4 - 6 p.m.

Free gently used youth hockey equipment for NFN Members & Affiliates.



Register: jonw@nfn.ca

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THURS
7, 14
AUGUST

GARDEN VILLAGE DROP-IN

65 Juniper Cres. | 5 - 9 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

FRI
8
AUGUST

YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM

1 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

FRI
8
AUGUST

FULL MOON CEREMONY

Lodge Behind The Right Path Building (316 Ted Commanda Dr.) | 8 p.m.

If you can, bring a skirt, rattle or drum, yellow cloth and a small potluck dish to share.

Register: juliec@nfn.ca

SAT
9
AUGUST

NISHNAABEMWIN SHOPPING

North Bay | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

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TUES
12
AUGUST

FAMILY SCIENCE NORTH TRIP

Sudbury | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For NFN Families.



Register: katiel@nfn.ca

TUES
12
AUGUST

NFN ENGAGEMENT SESSION: HELP SHAPE HEALTH CARE IN NFN

Duchesnay Community Hall | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join a community session to help plan the future expansion of health care in NFN. Hosted by Colliers Project Leaders as part of NFN's Health Care Needs Assessment. Enjoy refreshments and enter to win a door prize at each session!



Register: lisah@nfn.ca

WED
13
AUGUST

DINER'S CLUB

Garden Village Gym | Noon.

For NFN seniors 55+. For more information, contact the LCHC at 705-753-3312.

WED
13
AUGUST

KIDS NORTHERN BOUNCE

Garden Village Outdoor Rink | 5 - 8 p.m.

For NFN children aged 6-12. Parents must accompany their child.



Register: katiel@nfn.ca

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WED

13

AUGUST

NFN ENGAGEMENT SESSION: HELP SHAPE HEALTH CARE IN NFN

Garden Village Gym | 5 - 7 p.m.

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Register: lisah@nfn.ca

WED

13

AUGUST

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Lodge behind the Right Path building 316 Red Commanda Dr. | 6 p.m.

Dinner provided. Come learn a song or share a song! Bring a rattle or drum if you have one. We will have rattles and drums to lend. Youth and families' are welcome.

Register: juliec@nfn.ca

THURS

14

AUGUST

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Sundown Ridge Chalet #3 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For NFN parents and their children aged 0-5.

Register: samm@nfn.ca

THURS

14

AUGUST

GARDEN STAND

Yellek Park | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Until supplies last)

For NFN Members & Affiliates. FREE fresh vegetables from Leisure Farms and FREE fresh lettuce from the Mnogin Greenhouse. Bring your own bags.

For more information: [705-753-3312](tel:705-753-3312)

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FRI

15

AUGUST

FAMILY FIRE

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 6 - 9 p.m.
For NFN families.



Register: katiel@nfn.ca

SAT

16

AUGUST

HOOP MAKING

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
For NFN Members & Affiliates aged 13-29.



Register: ianc@nfn.ca

MON-FRI

18-22

AUGUST

KIDS WRESTLING CAMP

Garden Village Out Door Rink | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
For NFN Members & Affiliates aged 6-12. Transportation from Yellek and Duchesnay provided. **Snacks and lunch will not be provided.**



Register: jonw@nfn.ca

THURS

21

AUGUST

**BUILDING YOUR MEDICINE BUNDLE -
DAATKAAMINAAG GIIZIS - BLACKBERRY MOON**

LHC Boardroom | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
with Glenna Beaucage.



Register: [705-753-3312](tel:705-753-3312) or donnat@nfn.ca

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THURS
21
AUGUST

GARDEN STAND

Holy Spirit Church, Garden Village | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (until supplies last)

For NFN Members & Affiliates. FREE fresh vegetables from Leisure Farms and FREE fresh lettuce from the Mnogin Greenhouse. Bring your own bags.



For more information: [705-753-3312](tel:705-753-3312)

TUES-THURS
26-28
AUGUST

2ND ANNUAL YOUTH GATHERING

Garden Village | More details coming soon!

For NFN Members & Affiliates aged 13-29.



Stay tuned for more information [@NFNWAS](https://www.instagram.com/NFNWAS)

TUES
26
AUGUST

SANTAS VILLAGE TRIP

For NFN Members and Affiliates.

Free ticket entry and transportation on bus.

Limited spaces available. First come first serve basis.



Registration opens **Monday, August 11 at 9 a.m.** : [705-753-6995](tel:705-753-6995) ext. 1261

TUES
26
AUGUST

GRANDPARENT AND CAREGIVER CIRCLE

Lodge Behind The Right Path Building (316 Ted Commanda Dr.) | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Dinner provided. Come receive support, teachings and resources.

Topic is Impacts of substance use in the home.



Register: juliec@nfn.ca

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WED
27
AUGUST

OWL 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Duchesnay Community Hall (520A Couchie Memorial Dr.) | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OWL invites community members, partners, and former staff for a meaningful day of celebrating 40 years of strength, connection, support and community.

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For more information: ofrc@nfn.ca

WED
27
AUGUST

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE TEACHINGS

Jocko Point Powwow Grounds | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For NFN Members and Affiliates. Lunch will be provided. Bring your own chair and dress accordingly to walk in the bush to collect medicines. Register and indicate any dietary restrictions by **Friday, August 22, 2025, at 4 p.m.**



Complete the [Registration Form Here](#)
or Call 705-753-2050 ext. 1344

THURS
28
AUGUST

MAAMWI WIISNIDAA - LET'S EAT TOGETHER

Duchesnay Hall | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us at Maamwi Wiisnidaa, meaning "Let's eat together," for a delicious community meal.



THURS
28
AUGUST

GRANDPARENT AND CAREGIVER CIRCLE

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Sunrise Ceremony August 28-31, at 5:45 am
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Saturday Supper Break at 5:00 pm
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Saturday Eagle Staff/Flag Retirement at 7:00 pm

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Singing Special - To Be Announced

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Head Veteran: Patrick Stevens Jr.

Adult Head Dancers: Kelsey Borgford & Sid Bobb

Youth Head Dancers: Jacie Martel & Waseskwan Linklater

Alcohol & drug-free event, no pets allowed.
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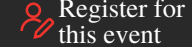
Food Bank
Access Day



Garbage
Pick-up



Full Moon



Register for
this event



Recycling
Pick-up

Daatkaagminag Giizis (Blackberry Moon) | August 2025

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Mukwa Miikan Landfill Hours Saturday - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. <i>Closed during statutory holidays</i>					1	2
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