

Enkamgak



Mdaamin Giizis (Corn Moon) | September 2025

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**Celebrate NFN youth on
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NFN Calls on Ontario to Stop Harmful Glyphosate Spraying in Nipissing Forest

Nipissing First Nation held a rally on August 15, 2025 in opposition to the Province of Ontario's plan to start aerial spraying glyphosate-based herbicides (chemical weed-killers) over part of the Nipissing Forest on or about August 20, 2025. This forest is on Nipissing traditional territory.



Glyphosate is the main chemical in Roundup, a weed-killer used to kill plants and underbrush (small plants and shrubs that grow under trees) to make space for tree crops like pine. This chemical has been linked to serious health problems (such as cancer, nerve damage, and

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NFN Community Engagement Sessions

Nipissing First Nation invites members to take part in our upcoming Community Engagement Sessions this September. These gatherings are an important opportunity to meet with Chief and Council and NFN leadership, share your thoughts, and hear updates on key issues affecting our Nation.

Sessions will be in the evening on the following dates:

- September 22 - Garden Village
- September 23 - Duchesnay
- September 24 - Ottawa
- September 25 - Toronto

*We will confirm times
and locations soon.*

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[Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
for updates.



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Nipissing First Nation

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:



NFN Calls on Ontario to Stop Harmful Glyphosate Spraying in Nipissing Forest (continued)

reproductive problems) and harm to the environment.

Nipissing First Nation does not agree with spraying of glyphosate



over large areas of forest for forest management (methods used to control how a forest grows). There is conflicting data on how these chemicals and their by-products (metabolites – substances made when the chemical breaks down) affect humans.

There is also no solid scientific proof that they are safe for our traditional resources: the animals and plants that we, as Nishnaabeg (the people of Nipissing), harvest.

NFN is in discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources as part of our ongoing partnership and shared priorities to protect and sustainably manage natural resources. In the spirit of partnership, we continue to call on the Government of Ontario to stop the planned spraying and instead use manual thinning crews (workers who remove plants by hand or tools) to care for the forest in a safe and sustainable way.



ATV SAFETY

IS YOUR FAMILY READY TO RIDE?



- Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law – another vehicle could hit you. ATVs are designed to be operated off-highway.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two people.
- Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
- Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
- Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Take a hands-on ATV course.

ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICE

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.

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 from the Floor are limited to 10 minutes each, with a maximum of three per meeting. Some requests may be deferred if more information is needed.

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

September 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

Duchesnay

September 16 @ 7:30 p.m.

Garden Village

JOIN IN PERSON:

Confirm your attendance with Kayla

WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:

Portal.NFN.ca

Recordings of past meetings are available for 30 days.

Combatting Anti-Indigenous Discrimination in Retail Settings

On July 17, 2025 the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the Indigenous Human Rights Program (a partnership between Pro Bono Students Canada and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres) released a guide and two fact sheets to address anti-Indigenous discrimination and harassment in retail. These resources provide practical human rights information to retailers and Indigenous people (shoppers or retail staff members) to recognize, prevent, and remedy anti-Indigenous discrimination and harassment in retail settings.

The guide and fact sheets offer comprehensive information about the protections provided by the Code, how Indigenous people experience discrimination and harassment in retail settings, and suggested practices to help prevent and address discriminatory actions.



Guide for Identifying and addressing anti-Indigenous discrimination in retail settings



Fact Sheet for Recognizing anti-Indigenous discrimination and harassment in retail settings.



Fact Sheet for Preventing anti-Indigenous discrimination and harassment in retail settings.

Jason Laronde Appointed Chairperson of the Police Governing Authority

Anishinabek Police Service



Chief of Police, Jeff Skye, Jason Laronde, and Deputy Chief Julie Craddock.

The Anishinabek Police Service (APS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Laronde as the new Chairperson of the Police Governing Authority, effective immediately.

Jason was elected by the board during the

APS Annual Meeting, held July 30–31, 2025, for a two-year term in accordance with APS governance policy. He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and dedication to this important role.

APS extends its sincere appreciation to outgoing Chairperson Debi Bouchie for her leadership and contributions over the past four years.

Congratulations, Jason!

Taamgozin Nokiiyan

Recognize those who Walk the Good Path and Nominate a Community Member

NFN Social Services invites you to nominate a community member who makes a positive difference in our community and walks 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. The recipient of the nomination will receive a YETI cup and a grocery gift card!

Complete the [Nomination Form](#):



Taamgozin Nokiiyan August 2025 Recipient:

Jeff Hanzlik

Jeff has taken the initiative of hosting Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) meetings in Garden Village. Jeff is an affiliate in the community and is always willing to lend a helping hand to better our community. He is a father, a helper and a joy to be around. Jeff will be 10 years sober in November. His dedication to being a helper and doing the heart work in our community is inspiring and I am proud to recognize him for this award. Miigwech for encouraging health and recovery in Nipissing. Nishin, Jeff!





2025 Christmas Income Distribution Notice



Christmas Income Distribution payments can be picked up on the following dates:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 15th from 10:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)

NFN Administration Complex, Garden Village

Wednesday, November 19th from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Duchesnay Community Hall

Friday, November 21st from 10:00am to 3:00pm

NFN Administration Complex, Garden Village

For those picking up, please have your status card available on Christmas Distribution Day to ensure greater efficiency of the payment process. Third-party pick-ups are no longer permitted; however, one can collect for a spouse and a parent may collect for children under the age of 16 still living at home.

OTHER OPTIONS TO RECEIVE CHRISTMAS SHARES

If you cannot pick up on these dates, these shares will be available at the **NFN Finance Department** from **November 24, 2025, until March 31, 2026.**

You can also **request a cheque or direct deposit** by completing the attached form and returning it to the Finance Department by **October 17, 2025,** to receive payment on November 20, 2025. If the form is submitted after the deadline, receiving the funds may take up to 4 weeks.

The form is also available at www.nfn.ca and from the reception desk at the Administration Complex and/or the Finance Dept.

Registered Nipissing First Nation members will have until March 31, 2026, to pick up or request their shares. These shares do not accumulate and must be picked up or requested separately each year.

Mail requests to: Nipissing First Nation
36 Semo Road
Garden Village ON, P2B 3K2

or email to: finance@nfn.ca

*** REMINDER ***

Christmas distribution monies will be applied to any outstanding money owing to the Band at the time of distribution. Please note that minor shares will not be applied to any outstanding balance(s).

Revised on August 7, 2024



2025 Christmas Distribution Request Form



In person funds will be distributed starting **November 24, 2025**, until **March 31, 2026**. These shares do not accumulate, and this form **must** be filled out and **sent in each year** to request funds. To receive payment by cheque or direct deposit on November 20, 2025, please return this form to the Finance Department by **October 17, 2025**. Any forms received after this date will be processed within 4 weeks. Additional forms are available at www.nfn.ca or by calling the Band Office at 705-753-2050.

Applicants/children 16 years of age or older must complete their own application

Mail requests to: Nipissing First Nation
36 Semo Road
Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

or

Email to: finance@nfn.ca

Drop off box: Outside Band Office Main Entrance
Outside Finance Entrance

In Person: Finance Dept

Please choose:

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

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Registry Number (Band number 10 digits starts with 2200....)
Address		
City	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No.	Email Address	
<p>For Direct Deposit:</p> <p>If you are a <u>new applicant</u> or if you have a new bank account, you MUST provide a void cheque or Direct Deposit Form (If you have provided your bank account information in prior years, please DO NOT re-send your bank information.)</p>		

Please list dependents below- must be a registered Nipissing First Nation member with registry number.

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

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Registry # (10-digit) Start with 2200.....
			2200
			2200
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			2200
			2200

Signature - Required	Date
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Nipissing Youth Powwow Dancers



Brooklyn Sawyer, Photo by Little Deer Design & Photography

Brooklyn Sawyer, “Nangoohns,” is a proud member of NFN, granddaughter of Tom and Kathleen Sawyer and Darlene and Paul Gingras, and daughter of Rodney Sawyerban and Melanie Gingras.

Nangoohns is a recent graduate of Nipissing University and is the founder of *Nangoohns Designs*, a sewing business, where she creates powwow regalia. A passionate Nishnaabemwin learner, she primarily dances in the Women’s Woodland category and also participates in Women’s Jingle. Brooklyn travels across Turtle Island for powwows and ceremonies, creating lasting memories.

Brooklyn recently placed 4th in the Junior Women’s Traditional Dance category at the Six Nations of the Grand River Champion of Champions Powwow. The following weekend, Brooklyn placed 2nd in the Junior Women’s Woodland dance category at the Wiikwemkoong Powwow, and placed 3rd in the “Luck of the Draw” Women’s Woodland Special.

Kelsey Borgford is a Women's Traditional (Woodland) dancer, and has participated in the Salamanca, Wiikwemkoong and Shakopee Powwows. Kelsey will be hosting an Old-Style Jingle Dress Special at our 37th Annual Powwow.



Waseskwan Linklater

Waseskwan Linklater placed 1st at the Six Nations of the Grand River Champion of Champions Powwow in the Boys 6-12 Grass Dance category. The following weekend, he placed 4th at the Wiikwemkoong Powwow in the Teens Traditional category.



Kelsey Borgford, Photo by Little Deer Design & Photography



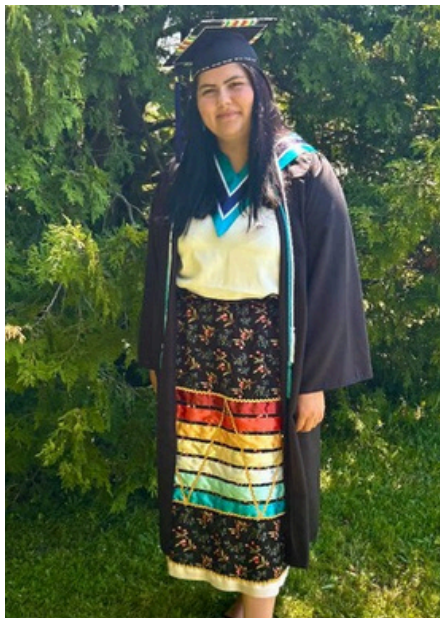
Rylan Fisher



Ava Couchie

Ava Couchie and **Rylan Fisher** also participated in the Wiikwemkoong Powwow. Ava and Rylan will attend Laurentian University this fall! Keep up the great work!

NFN Academic Success



Melissa Goulais



Mylène Langlois

Congratulations to **Melissa Goulais** and **Mylène Langlois** of NFN, who have each earned the distinguished *Governor General's Academic Medal* at their respective secondary schools. Melissa, a graduate of École Secondaire Publique du Nipissing-Ouest, and Mylène, from École Secondaire Catholique Franco Cité, have demonstrated exceptional commitment, perseverance, and academic excellence. As shining examples of Indigenous success and leadership, Melissa and Mylène inspire the next generation to work hard, pursue their goals with determination, and take pride in their identity and achievements.

Congratulations to **Hillary Shabogesic** on earning her Master of Public Relations from Mount Saint Vincent University! Her capstone project, *"From Oral Tradition to TikTok: Nishnaabe Storytelling, Humour, and Strategic Communication in First Nations Public Relations,"* is a brilliant fusion of ancestral knowledge and modern media, showcasing the power of Indigenous voices in shaping contemporary communications. Hillary's achievement is a proud reflection of academic excellence, cultural leadership, and innovation. We celebrate her success with deep admiration and look forward to the impact her work will continue to make.



Andrea Goulais

Congratulations to **Andrea Goulais** on earning her Master of Architecture from Laurentian University! Her thesis, *"Nishnaabenaadziwin Aabaakwigaade: Designing a Cultural Centre in Nipissing First Nation,"* beautifully blends architectural innovation with cultural revitalization, honouring Nishnaabe identity through space and design. As the recipient of the Rya & Eric Levitt Memorial Graduate Award, Andrea's work stands as a powerful testament to Indigenous excellence, creativity, and leadership in the field of architecture. We celebrate her achievement with immense pride and look forward to the lasting impact of her vision.



Hillary Shabogesic



Andrea's Thesis

Sign Up for the After-School Children's Program

Registration now open!

Complete the form on nfn.ca:



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

jessicac@nfn.ca

705-753-6995 ext. 1261

Kelsey McNeill

kelseym@nfn.ca

705-753-6995 ext. 1261



As our children return to school, the Anishinabek Police Service is reminding everyone to stay alert and help keep roads and school zones safe.

Traffic violations can be reported online.

This includes speeding, aggressive lane changes, and vehicles passing buses illegally. Visit anishinabekpolice.ca and click "Report Online" to begin.

Stay safe!

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:

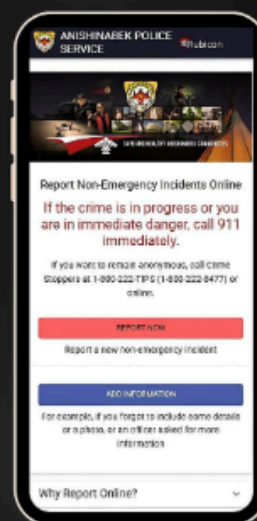


**NBISIING
BUS LINES**

☎ 705-753-6995

📍 70 Semo Road
Garden Village
ON P2B 3K2

**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**.

Soil Remediation Project

Work is ongoing to remove niobium-impacted material from NFN lands, with the goal to complete cleanup activities by the end of 2025.

Hauling operations to remove the stockpile from Lot 24 in the Bineshii Business Park were recently completed safely and efficiently. Approval has now been granted to continue transporting material to the Sarnia disposal site.

Lot 24 will continue to serve as a staging area, where material from other sites will be stockpiled using rock trucks and triaxle trucks and then transferred into larger end dump trucks for transport. This approach improves efficiency and reduces truck traffic. Hauling operations are completed between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on weekdays with traffic control measures in place during this time.

Weekly Operations:

Weekly work schedules are provided by Nipissing Miller and posted at: nfn.ca/soil-remediation-project along with other resources about the project.

Following the stockpile removal, operations progressed to:

- Worksite #3 (adjacent to Anishinabek Nation offices)
- Worksite #2 (former Nova Beaucage Road allowance)
- Former mill site excavation will begin once worksites 2 and 3 are completed



All environmental and safety controls remain in place, including real-time air quality monitoring, dust suppression protocols, scanning of haulage trucks by Radiation Protection Technicians (RPT) before they are released, and on-site safety supervision by a Qualified Person (QP) who is a professional engineer.

Highway 17 Safety Enhancements:

The following measures/improvements were implemented at NFN's request at the Highway 17/Osprey Miikan intersection:

- Designation of the area as a construction zone
- Speed limit reduction to 70 km/h
- Four flaggers, digital signage with truck warnings, and APS presence when possible
- Public radio messaging to alert drivers of ongoing truck activity in the area

Traffic Light Tender:

The tender for the traffic signal installation at the Nova Beaucage Road/Osprey Miikan closed on August 13. Miller Paving submitted a bid. If successful, this will support project coordination between contractors working on the soil remediation project and improve safety during hauling operations.

The Couchie Industrial Road intersection traffic signal installation is also out for tender with a closing date of August 27.



Soil Remediation Project (continued)

Community Engagement:

Project team members participated in a community information session in Duchesnay on July 16 to provide updates and address questions.

For general project questions or concerns, please email projectinfo@nfn.ca or call the Business Operations Manager at (705) 753-2050 ext. 1243.

For health and safety concerns:

Ray Alatalo, B.A.A. (Envir. Health), C.P.H.I. (C)
Environmental Public Health Officer for
Indigenous Services Canada
705-698-4682

All other inquiries should be directed to
NEConstruction@ontario.ca.

- Approximately **15 trucks per day are hauling material** out of the stockpile in Bineshii to the approved disposal site near Sarnia
- Approximately **10,000 tonnes of contaminated soil has been removed** from NFN and hauled away as of August 15

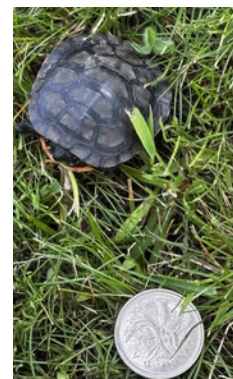
Timelines for Completion:

- Work Site #3 (next to Anishinabek Nation offices): early to mid-September
- Work Site #2 (former Nova Beaucage Road allowance): late September to early October
- Work Site #1 (former mill site): Preparation work will begin in late August/early September, with excavation to follow. Goal is to complete by end of 2025.

As of August 15, Nipissing Miller worked with Young Forestry Services and First North Enterprise to load a total of 126 Clean Harbors end-dump trucks with contaminated materials to be sent to the final disposal site.

Help Protect Our Turtles!

It's turtle hatching season! Keep an eye out for baby turtles as they make their way to the water. Every sighting makes a difference in protecting these important species.



If you spot a turtle, a nest, or hatchlings (newly hatched babies), please report your findings. Each report within Nipissing First Nation helps us better understand turtle populations, protect their habitats, and support recovery efforts.

The Details We Need

1. **Photos**
2. **Location:** Be as precise as you can (e.g., street name, GPS coordinates).
3. **Your first and last name**
4. **The date and time of the sighting**
5. **The species of turtle**, if you know it. The three main turtles in Nipissing are the Blanding's Turtles, the Painted Turtle and the Snapping Turtle.
6. **The number of turtles observed**
7. **A description:** Size, shell shape, colors, and any unique markings. Did you notice a long neck, yellow under the chin, or unusual shell patterns?
8. **Its behaviour:** Swimming in water, basking in the sun, actively travelling on land, crossing the road, nesting?
9. **Its condition:** Was it alive, injured, dead, or dead on road?
10. **The habitat:** Where did you see the turtle? (ex. beach, field, forest, marsh, pond, river, swamp, drainage ditch, shoreline, residential area, lawn.)

Please send all information to Nikki Commanda, Biologist, at nikkic@nfn.ca. Your contribution is vital to conservation efforts.



APPLY NOW
apscops.org

2025 Guide to Eating Ontario Fish

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, we are pleased to share the **2025 Guide to Eating Ontario Fish**. This online resource supports the health and well-being of communities by offering updated fish consumption advisories for over 2,800 lakes and rivers. Rooted in respect for traditional fishing practices, the guide helps protect future generations by sharing knowledge on safe fish preparation and consumption—especially for children and those who are pregnant. We honour your stewardship of the land and waters, and invite you to explore the guide at ontario.ca/fishguide.



Have Your Say on Future Transit Services

We want to hear how you get around. Complete this survey to help us better understand travel needs and design transportation services that work for everyone.

In partnership with Blaise Transit, this study will lay the foundation for improved community connectivity and access.



Complete the **NFN Transit Survey**:

About the Survey

Help us understand how you travel! Use the interactive map to:

- Highlight places you visit most often
- Identify important community destinations
- Pinpoint areas where getting around is challenging

The survey will be open until **Friday, September 5 at 11:59 p.m.**

Paper copies are available at the Pow Wow on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, and at the Lands Office (36 Semo Rd., Garden Village) during business hours.

Prizes

Two winners will be chosen. First pick chooses between an NFN Fire Pit or Yeti Cooler, second winner receives the remaining prize.



More Information

NFN will share more details about the NFN Transit Feasibility Study and future community engagement later this fall.

Learn more about the NFN Transit Feasibility Study and Blaise Transit.



Have questions? Contact the Economic Development Manager at 705-753-2050 ext. 1264 or zackl@nfn.ca.

Mnogin Greenhouse: Growing for the Community

The Mnogin Greenhouse has entered an exciting new chapter, shifting to a community-focused model that emphasizes food security, training, and stronger partnerships with NFN departments, including Education, Employment & Training, and Health & Social Services. We are also working to build internal partnerships to expand our capacity to provide fresh, healthy food right here on Nipissing First Nation.

This transition began with a temporary pause in operations to onboard and train our new supervisor, Tanya Stevens Langlois, who joined the team on June 30 — just as we completed our final harvests under the previous production plan.

Since ending commercial sales in mid-June, every remaining head of lettuce, bunch of greens, and herb bundle has been donated to local initiatives, including:

- NFN Food Bank
- Good Food Boxes
- Diners' Club
- Maamwi Wiisnidaa
- True Self Outreach Program
- No More Tears (West Nipissing)
- The Gathering Place (North Bay)

Thanks to these partnerships, no produce went to waste during our transition.

One farm is currently in full operation to meet internal program needs, and our first new harvests took place during the week of August 4. Throughout August, fresh produce will be distributed through garden stands coordinated by the Health Centre, the NFN Food Bank, and at community events. **The online store and subscription programs are expected to resume in early September.**

This new approach places the community at the heart of everything we do - moving away from a commercial sales model to focus on supporting the health and well-being of Nibisiing debendaagziwaad with fresh, nutritious produce grown by the community, for the community.

We look forward to sharing more updates and opportunities as this new chapter unfolds. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback on our products and ideas on the new model - please take a few moments to complete our short community survey:

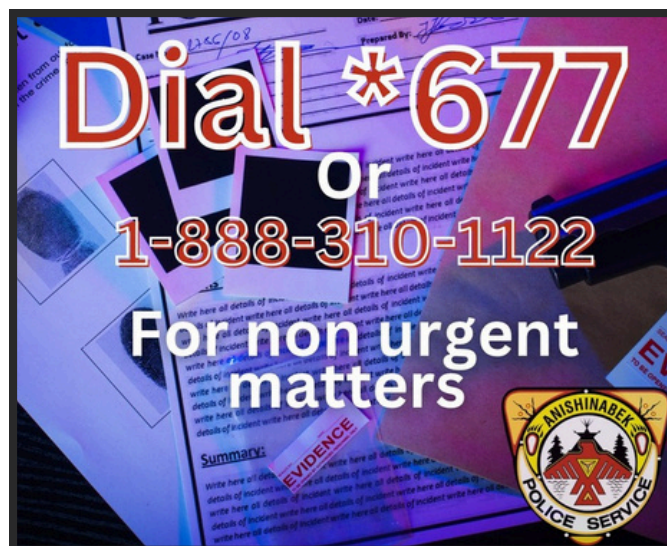
<https://forms.office.com/r/hTy2ww2Dg7>



The survey will remain open until September 30, and one lucky respondent will win a basket of fresh Mnogin greens!



Tanya Stevens Langlois, Supervisor of Mnogin Greenhouse



Road and Infrastructure Updates: Calcium, Culverts, Paving, and Lighting

Nipissing First Nation has several important road and infrastructure projects underway this summer and fall. Here's a summary of what's been completed, what's planned, and how these updates will improve safety and travel for our community.

Calcium Treatment on Gravel Roads

The yearly calcium application (a treatment that helps keep dust down and binds gravel together) has been completed on all our gravel roads that needed it. Some smaller, low-traffic roads still had enough calcium from last year and didn't need new treatment. The total cost this year was \$64,372.50, covering: Ted Commanda Drive, Sweetgrass, Sage, Public Works Yard, Meadowside, Jocko Point Road, Beaucage Park Road, Margaret Drive, Yellek, and Landfill.

Culvert Repairs

- Duchesnay: Replacement at Goulais Crescent/Couchie Memorial Drive to reduce flooding.
- Yellek: Replacement on Yellek Trail (500 area) to improve water flow where there was an issue of water back-up on the north side.
- Garden Village: Culvert repairs at Semo/Ted Commanda (liner install) and Sweetgrass/Cockburn (replacement due to lack of flow).

Paving Projects

- Duchesnay (Goulais Crescent): Some asphalt patch work along Goulais Crescent. This will be scheduled for mid to late August.
- Duchesnay (Couchie Memorial Dr.): West end of Couchie Memorial Drive, scheduled for mid to late August.
- The Yellek-Duchesnay turnoff at the Duchesnay end of Wiigwaas Miikan will be paved from Goulais Crescent to the Rail Crossing.
- Garden Village: The beginning of Sweetgrass and Cockburn to pave an apron off the intersection. The intersection of Semo and Ted Commanda will be repaved due to deteriorating asphalt and a patch past the Right Path Building. The bigger project for Garden Village will be Juniper Crescent, which will be getting half of the street reconstructed and repaved due to deteriorating asphalt. To improve the base of the road, it will be excavated 1.5 ft to remove subbase material. A geotextile will be added to the road base and all with Granular B Type II (12") along with Granular A (6") compacted before the resurfacing.
- Serenity Lane: Plans are in progress to investigate adding a turning lane for traffic approaching the entrance from the east.
- All areas: Patchwork paving as required.

Streetlighting

Old streetlights across NFN will be replaced with LED lights for brighter, safer, and more energy-efficient lighting.

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.



NFN Walking Alongside Services: August at a Glance

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

- Monthly Sweat Lodge Ceremony / Teaching
- Nishnaabemwin Dinner
- Duchesnay Drop-In
- Garden Village Drop-In
- Nishnaabemwin Shopping
- Fish Harvesting with Tory Fisher
- Youth Chief Commanda/ Beach Day
- Youth Cricut Workshop
- Youth Escape Room
- Youth Gathering
- Kids Northern Bounce Night
- Family Science North Trip
- Family Fire



See upcoming child, youth, and family events on pages 18-24

Join our Community Circles

This 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.

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

- Patrick and Samantha Stevens (monthly donation)
- TransCanada Pipelines -\$2,500.00
- North Shore Convenience -\$700.00
- Mnogin Greenhouse
- Angel Armstrong and Donovan Rich
- Daisy Hore

Miigwech for your donations!

Culture Mindfulness Training



Join us for a powerful day of connection and learning rooted in who we are as Indigenous people, facilitated by George Couhie at Duchesnay Hall from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Together, we'll explore our sense of belonging, the trauma we carry, and the strength we hold—through our teachings, our stories, the drum, the medicine wheel, and guided meditation. Lunch provided and transportation available upon request.

Register by September 4 for the September 11 session, or by September 24 for the October 1 session—by emailing registerlchc@nfn.ca.

Win a Smart Garden!

Enter for your chance to win one of 74 Tabletop Smart Gardens

— a self-caring indoor garden that comes with basil and strawberry pods!



To enter, contact the **Community Wellness Worker** **705-753-3312** or jodyb@nfn.ca

One entry per household*

Deadline: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Noon

Draw: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Winners will be contacted.

9 Mental Health Activities

To do with your child

Mental

Make a Special Time Each Day to Talk About Worries

For about 10–15 minutes, they can:

- Write down what's bothering them
- Talk to you about it
- Think of ways to feel better or solve the problem

It's like giving worries a little space so they don't take over the whole day.

Identify Three Good Things

Before bed, spend some time with your child to identify three good things they achieved in the day.

Talk About Feelings

Create time each week for your child to speak to you about their thoughts and feelings.

Emotional

Test Thoughts

Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.

Plan Activities

Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement-related activities

Challenge Thoughts

Help your child write down any unhelpful thoughts that they might experience. Try to challenge them and come up with more realistic and helpful ones.

Physical

Support Wellbeing

Support your child to look after their wellbeing by:

- Cooking healthy meals together
- Exercise or play together to keep your body strong
- Make sure you get enough sleep so you feel happy and rested

Be Present

Help your child be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all of your senses.

Spiritual

Visualize

Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way.



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- 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

Jr. Post Majority Support Services Worker |

Full-time / Permanent

1st Round closes Friday, August 29, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

2nd Round closes Friday, September 5, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Round closes Friday, September 12, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Open to all qualified applicants until filled

Human Resources

Human Resources Generalist

Full-Time/ Permanent

Finance

Accounts Payable Officer

Full-Time / Permanent

Accounts Payable Coordinator

Full-Time / Permanent

Governance, Culture, Language & Heritage

Senior Policy Analyst

Full-time / Permanent

Education

Independent Learning Coordinator

Full-Time / Permanent

Social Services

Post Majority Support Services Worker

Full-Time / Permanent- 3 Vacancies

Social Cultural Coordinator

Full-Time / Permanent

Transitional Housing Support Worker

Full-Time / Permanent

Post Majority Support Coordinator

Full-Time / Permanent

Health Services

Adult Mental Health Therapist

Full-Time / Contract

Manager, Giyak Moseng – The Right Path

Full-Time / Permanent

Personal Support Worker

Full-Time/ Permanent & Part-Time/ Contract

Gwekwaadziwin Shkaabewis

Full-Time / Permanent

Gwekwaadziwin Driver

Full-Time / Permanent

TUES**2, 9, 23****SEPTEMBER****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**WED****3****SEPTEMBER****KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY**

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 5 - 7 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 6-12.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca**WED****3, 10,****17, 24****SEPTEMBER****DUCHESNAY DROP IN**

Duchesnay Community Hall | 5 - 9 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca**WED****3****SEPTEMBER****COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION: PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT IN NFN**

Garden Village Gym & Livestream via NFN Portal | 6 - 8 p.m.

NFN invites all members to a follow-up engagement session about the proposed solar project on reserve lands. This is a second session, held to review potential alternative sites for the project.

For the Livestream link email: zackl@nfn.ca

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THURS

4

SEPTEMBER

KIDS PONCHOS

Sundown Ridge Chalet #3 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For NFN parents and their children aged 0-5.

Register: samm@nfn.ca

THURS

4, 11,

18, 25

SEPTEMBER

GARDEN VILLAGE DROP-IN

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 5 - 9 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

FRI

5

SEPTEMBER

SENIORS GOLFING

Laurentide Golf Club | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This event is open to NFN members and affiliates aged 55 and over. We'll be playing a full 18-hole round, with golf cart and green fees covered. Please bring your own golf clubs and dress appropriately for the course.

Register: keonar@nfn.ca

TUES

9

SEPTEMBER

KIDS COOKING

65 Juniper Cres., | 5 - 7 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 6-12.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

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WED

10

SEPTEMBER

DINER'S CLUB

Garden Village Gym | Noon.

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

WED

10

SEPTEMBER

KIDS BUTTON MAKING

65 Juniper Cres., | 6 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 6-12.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

THURS

11

SEPTEMBER

MANAGING EMOTIONS AND STRESS FOR MOMS & CHILDREN

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

For NFN parents and their children aged 0-5.

Register: littlespiritauntie@nfn.ca

THURS

11

SEPTEMBER

CULTURE MINDFULNESS TRAINING

Duchesnay Community Hall | 9 - 3 p.m.

Lunch provided. Transportation available upon request Together, we'll explore our sense of belonging, the trauma we carry, and the strength we hold—through our teachings, our stories, the drum, the medicine wheel, and guided meditation. Facilitated by George Couchie.

Register by Thursday, September 4 to : registerlchc@nfn.ca

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FRI

12

SEPTEMBER

YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM

5 - 10 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

SAT

13

SEPTEMBER

YOUTH SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 4 - 10 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.



TUES

16

SEPTEMBER

CANDLE WORKSHOP

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

Create two fall themed candles and choose from a variety of scents.
For NFN Parents of children aged 0-5.Register : littlepiritauntie@nfn.ca

WED

17

SEPTEMBER

KIDS CRAFTS

Holy Spirit Church Basement | 6 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 6-12.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

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THURS**18****SEPTEMBER****BUDGETING FOR PARENTS**

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

For NFN Parents of children aged 0-5.

Register: littlespiritauntie@nfn.ca**TUES****16****SEPTEMBER****YOUTH BOWLING**

Partners North Bay | 6 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca**SAT****20****SEPTEMBER****NISHNAABEMWIN DINNER OUT**

North Bay | 5 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29. Transportation Available.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca**SUN****21****SEPTEMBER****YOUTH MOVIES & LUNCH**

Galaxy Cinemas North Bay | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

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MON

22

SEPTEMBER

LITTLE PUMPKINS AUTUMN PATCH ADVENTURE

Leisure Farms | 9:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Leisure Farms to visit the pumpkin patch and enjoy the activities.
For NFN youth aged 0-5.Register: littlepiritauntie@nfn.ca

TUES

23

SEPTEMBER

YOUTH BEADING

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

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

WED

24

SEPTEMBER

LUNCH AND LEARN

Duchesnay Community Hall | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a lunch and learn on physical activity and stress with the
Indigenous Health Unit. Open to all NFN members and affiliates.Register: keonar@nfn.ca

WED

24

SEPTEMBER

KIDS HANGOUT

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 6 - 8 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 6-12.

Register: katiel@nfn.ca

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FRI

26

SEPTEMBER

MOVIE NISHNAABEMWIN

Garden Village Gym | 6 - 9 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

THURS

25

SEPTEMBER

MAAMWI WIISNIDAA - LET'S EAT TOGETHER

Garden Village Gym | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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



SAT

27

SEPTEMBER

LANGUAGE LESSON

65 Juniper Cres., Garden Village | 1 - 4 p.m.

For NFN youth aged 13-29.

Register: ianc@nfn.ca

TUES

30

SEPTEMBER

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CEREMONY

Garden Village Outdoor Rink | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. Sacred Fire Sunrise Ceremony at 65 Juniper Cres. Agenda coming soon.



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Community Events



Mdaamin Giizis (Corn Moon) | September 2025

Namegiizhgad Sunday	Nokiigiizhgad Monday	Niizhgiizhgad Tuesday	Aabtaawse Wednesday	Shpinganwang Thursday	Jiibiaatgogiizhgad Friday	Maaniigiizhgad Saturday
	1 Labour Day CLOSED	2 First Day of School  Chief & Council 7:30 p.m. Duchesnay  <i>West End</i>	3 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church) Engagement Session: Proposed Solar project in NFN 6 - 8 p.m. GV Gym   <i>East End</i>	4	5	6
7 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church)	8   <i>West End</i>	9   <i>East End</i>	10 Diner's Club Noon - 1 p.m. GV Gym Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church)	11	12	13
14 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church)	15  <i>West End</i>	16 Chief & Council 7:30 p.m. Garden Village  <i>East End</i>	17 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church) 	18 Maamwi Wiisnidaa - Let's eat together 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. GV Gym	19	20
21 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church)	22 Community Engagement Session Garden Village   <i>West End</i>	23 Community Engagement Session Duchesnay   <i>East End</i>	24 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church) Community Engagement Session Ottawa	25 Community Engagement Session Toronto	26	27
28 Community Circle 3 - 6 p.m. GV Lodge (Church)	29  <i>West End</i>	30 Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. GV ODR	Please note that NFN Offices will be closed on Tuesday, Sept 30 for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.		Mukwa Miikan Landfill Hours Saturday - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. <i>Closed during statutory holidays</i>	

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