

# Enkamgak



**Nmebin Giizis (Sucker Moon) | April 2026**

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**The NFN PR Liaison is your connection for questions, concerns, and NFN services**  
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**NFN Firefighters Sharpen Lifesaving Skills**



On March 7, 2026, the Nipissing First Nation Fire Service conducted its annual ice rescue training, strengthening emergency response readiness for winter hazards. Led by Chief Training Officer

Chris Hamilton, volunteer firefighters practiced essential techniques for incidents on frozen lakes and waterways. Training included self-rescue methods, reach-and-throw strategies, and go-rescue tactics using specialized equipment like flotation devices and sleds. Crews also focused on team coordination, victim stabilization, and proper use of cold-water protective gear.

Realistic scenarios emphasized quick decision-making and communication. Fire Chief Melvin McLeod praised the volunteer firefighters' dedication, noting that ongoing training ensures the team remains prepared to protect the community during unpredictable winter emergencies.



**Contact the NFN Emergency Services Department at 705-495-4603**  
**Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.**

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**NFN Warriors Collection now available!**

## From First-Timers to Champions: Nipissing Warriors Shine at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Little NHL



The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Little NHL Hockey Tournament took place from March 15–19 in Markham, Ontario, bringing together First Nation youth from across the province for a memorable week of hockey, culture, and community.

Over the years, Little NHL has evolved into one of the premier youth hockey tournaments, showcasing high-caliber Indigenous athletes while uniting communities through a shared love of the game. Many youth and LNHL alumni consider it the best tournament of the year.

This tournament also marked a special moment for several of our youngest Warriors, as many U7 players attended their first Little NHL. For these athletes just beginning their hockey journeys, the experience was about learning and having fun! Wearing their Nipissing Warriors jerseys, they skated with excitement and determination, supported by teammates, families, and the Warrior community. It was a meaningful introduction to Little NHL and a memorable start for the next generation of Nipissing Warriors.

This year, NFN had 13 teams to compete at the tournament, representing the community with perseverance and sportsmanship. NFN also made a strong showing in women’s hockey, sending five women’s teams to the tournament. Their participation and performance reflected the continued growth and strength of women’s hockey within the Nation. This achievement took place during a historic year for Little NHL, which featured a record-breaking 47 women’s teams from First Nation communities across Ontario.

In true Nipissing Warrior fashion, the U18 teams also honoured its graduating players. They proudly sent off Alexis Beaucage and Berkley Pitura (Dokis FN) from the U18 Lady Warriors, along with Keaton Goulais, Ethan Leclerc, Liam Major, and Jake Bull from the U18 Competitive Boys. These athletes left their jerseys in a better place than they found.



U9 Boys Rec	K Finalists
U9 Girls	C Champions
U11 Boys Comp	A Finalists
U11 Girls	A Consolation
U13 Boys Comp	C Finalists
U13 Girls	A Consolation
U15 Boys Comp	D Finalists
U15 Girls	D Champions
U18 Boys Comp	C Finalists
U18 Girls	C Finalists
U18 Boys Rec	A Consolation



## NFN Partner, Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations (WBAFN) Wins Community Housing Recognition Award 2026

Nipissing First Nation is proud to be part of an innovative regional housing initiative led by the Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations (WBAFN), a tribal council serving several First Nations across Northeastern Ontario. WBAFN works collaboratively with member communities to support planning, technical services, and community-driven projects.

Through this initiative, Nipissing First Nation is working alongside Wahnapiatae First Nation, Dokis First Nation, and Henvey Inlet First Nation on a shared four-year Micro-Subdivision Housing Plan. This project focuses on developing new, fully serviced micro-lots within each community to support the construction of smaller, more attainable homes.

Each micro-subdivision will include approximately 20 residential lots designed for mini homes ranging from 400 to 1,000 square feet. These homes are intended to provide flexible and affordable housing options for Elders, single individuals, and families who may face barriers to accessing traditional housing.

A key feature of this initiative is the focus on fully serviced lots. Each site will include essential

infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems, hydro, communications, and safe road access—ensuring the lots are ready for long-term residential use. The project will be completed in phases over four years, beginning with planning and feasibility, followed by design and site preparation, and eventually construction.



Jamie Roque (Wahnapiatae FN Councillor), Shane McGregor (WBAFN JR Infrastructure Specialist), Ashley Zelionka (WBAFN Executive Director), Chasity Toulouse (WBAFN Sr. Infrastructure Specialist), and Priscilla Goulais (Nipissing FN Councillor)

This phased approach allows each community, including Nipissing First Nation, to expand housing in a sustainable and manageable way.

This collaborative effort represents an important step forward in addressing housing needs while creating practical, community-based pathways home—one micro-lot at a time.



EXTERIOR RENDERING



FLOOR PLAN - ONE BEDROOM / 650 SQFT



INTERIOR RENDERING



Watch a short video to learn more about the Micro Subdivision Development.

## Josephine Doolittle Celebrates 100 years!



Family, friends, and community members are warmly invited to celebrate a very special milestone—**Josephine Doolittle's 100th birthday!**

A Birthday Social will be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cassellhome (400 Olive Street, North Bay)**. The gathering will take place in the Resident Common Room on the 5th floor of the new building.

Please note that parking at Cassellhome is currently limited due to construction; however, street parking is usually available nearby. The facility also has mandatory masking and hand sanitizing measures in place to help keep residents safe.

Josephine is looking forward to visiting with her many relatives and friends. All are welcome to stop by, share their well wishes, and help make this celebration truly memorable.

For more information, please contact Brenda Restoule at 705-498-2682.

## Ellie Penasse Honoured at PWHL Game

Ellie Penasse was proudly honoured at the PWHL Ottawa Charge game on Wednesday, March 4, where she also took part in the ceremonial puck drop.

Ellie was recognized for her resilience and for breaking barriers as an Indigenous athlete. She navigated limited opportunities for girls in hockey and played in boys' hockey to access higher levels of competition. Her journey has helped open doors for Indigenous girls in sport.

The evening also featured a meaningful cultural moment, as Ellie presented a beaded Ottawa Charge medallion, created by Lily Armstrong of NFN, to Métis player Jocelyne Larocque of the PWHL Ottawa Charge.



*Photo credit: PWHL Ottawa Charge, featuring Ellie Penasse performing the ceremonial puck drop between Alex Carpenter and Jocelyne Larocque.*

## Taamgozin Nokiiyan

### Recognizing those who Walk the Good Path

#### 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](#):



## Chief and Council Update: March 2026

Over the last two months, Chief and Council have continued to attend meetings and conferences to learn, plan, and speak up for Nipissing First Nation.

In February, several of us attended the Anishinabek Nation Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Conference. It was very informative, and we received updated resources that include important court cases related to Treaty rights. These tools help us better understand and protect our rights going forward.

Samantha Stevens, Rick Stevens, and Natural Resources staff attended the Assembly of First Nations Natural Resources Forum in Calgary, Alberta. They learned about managing natural assets such as our lands, waters, and Treaties. One key message was the importance of “two-eyed seeing,” meaning we use both Western knowledge and Indigenous knowledge to make policies and decisions.

Priscilla Goulais attended the First Nations Housing Conference in Thunder Bay, hosted by the First Nations Housing Community. Priscilla accepted the FNCH Recognition Award on behalf of NFN for our involvement in the Micro-Subdivision project led by

Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations.

Gimaa attended a Child and Youth Death Review (CYDR) meeting at Anishinabek Nation. A CYDR examines the circumstances of a child or youth’s death to help prevent future tragedies, while our contribution focuses on making the process more culturally sensitive and community-based.

Several First Nations have also started working together through consortiums to strengthen our negotiating power and ensure meaningful partnerships in potential investment projects. We discussed First Nation participation in major projects, including a Hydro One project and sovereign gaming opportunities.

We also discussed reforming the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement, which covers services like child welfare and social services. The agreement is nearly 60 years old and needs updating.

Gimaa Cathy Stevens continues to connect with members. Your voices remain important as we move this work forward together. Miigwech.

## E-GIIGDOWAAD | CHIEF & COUNCIL

### 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 and keep informed through in-person or virtual attendance.

If you have a request for Council, complete the request form at [nfn.ca/chief-council](http://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](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca).

Requests may also be made at the meeting. Due to a full agenda, Requests from the Floor are limited to three requests, with up to 10 minutes each. Some requests may be deferred to a future meeting if more information is required.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Kayla Lariviere at 705-753-2050 ext. 1223 or [kaylal@nfn.ca](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca).

**April 7 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Village**

**April 21 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Duchesnay**

#### JOIN IN PERSON:

Confirm your attendance with Kayla Lariviere at [kaylal@nfn.ca](mailto:kaylal@nfn.ca) or 705-753-2050 ext. 1223

#### WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:

NFN Membership Portal at [Portal.NFN.ca](http://Portal.NFN.ca)

*Recordings of past meetings are available for 30 days.*

**Warriors Merchandise For Sale!**

Show your NFN pride! Our new Warrior merchandise launched on Friday, March 6, just in time for LNHL.

A variety of items are still available, including Youth T-shirts and hoodies, Adult T-shirts, and baby onesies (*or Small Rez Dog onesies...lol!*).

**[Shop.NFN.ca](http://Shop.NFN.ca)**  
*Limited quantities available.*




*Fun Fact: The original Nipissing Warriors logo was created by artist Rick Sawyer.*

*This year's Warrior merchandise features artwork by Savannah McLeod. Her design incorporates the Warriors imagery along with Nishnaabe florals, antlers, and berries.*

**Artwork commissioned by Nipissing First Nation.  
 Please do not reproduce or use.**

**Have a Question or Concern?**

**The Public Relations Liaison Helps Members Connect with NFN Administration**

The Public Relations Liaison at Nipissing First Nation acts as a key connection between community members and administration. This role:

- helps members access programs and services
- supports Council Meeting Requests
- responds to inquiries across all departments;
- and ensures concerns are addressed respectfully and promptly.

“Aaniin my name is Sarah Dennis-Kooji (Couchie). As an NFN member, my goal is to assist our membership in fostering clear communication, strengthening relationships, and promoting responsive, community-centered NFN service delivery through the Administration department. I am honoured to perform this role and I look forward to connecting with folks!”

**To Contact Sarah Dennis-Kooji:**

Email: [sarahd@nfn.ca](mailto:sarahd@nfn.ca)  
 Call: 705-753-2050 ext. 1265



*Models: Brooklyn Sawyer, and Blair Beaucauge*



### Sign Up for Fresh, Local Greens with Mnogin’s Bi-Weekly Subscription



For \$20 per order, subscribers receive fresh lettuce and leafy greens every two weeks, with flexibility to pause or cancel anytime for convenience.

#### Pick up dates for March:

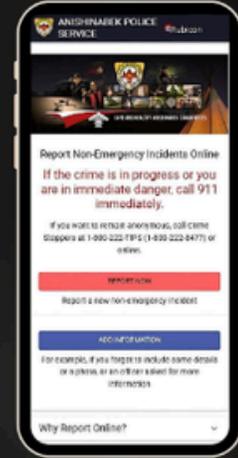
- Duchesnay (Hall parking lot):  
April 1, 15 and 29 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Garden Village (Band Office gym doors):  
April 8 and 22 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.



Mnogin Greenhouse online store is open with regularly updated stock. Order anytime and pick up Wednesdays (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.) or Fridays (12:00 - 4:30 p.m.): <https://mnogin-greenhouse.square.site/>

(705)-825-2449 | [orders@mnogin.ca](mailto:orders@mnogin.ca)

## YOU ASKED. WE LISTENED.



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

Visit [anishinabekpolice.ca](http://anishinabekpolice.ca) and click *Report Online*.



*Photography Submitted by Michèle Chretien*



Visit [nbisiing.com](http://nbisiing.com) or [Nbisiing Secondary School Facebook Page](#) for our calendar of events and other school-related information, or call (705) 497-9938.

**Jacie Martel Wins “Service Above Self” Award from the Rotary Club of North Bay**

The Nbisiing Redhawks proudly recognize Jacie Martel as the recipient of the Rotary Club of North Bay’s “Service Above Self” Youth Award, celebrating her leadership, volunteerism, and commitment to community. Since Grade 9, Jacie has led morning announcements in Nishnaabemwin, participated in the Emiigaazwaad Hockey Team and Drum & Dance Team, and served as Head Youth Dancer at the Nipissing First Nation Pow Wow.

A positive role model, Jacie shares her culture, supports female athletes, and inspires others with her kindness and dedication. Congratulations, Jacie—we are proud of your leadership and spirit!



**Nbisiing Goes to PWHL Ottawa Charge Indigenous Peoples Celebration Night**



The Nbisiing Redhawks Drum Group delivered a powerful and unforgettable performance at the PWHL Ottawa Charge game on

March 4, leaving a lasting mark on the ice and in the hearts of everyone in attendance.

Made up of both students and teachers, the group’s strong voices echoed throughout TD Place, filling the arena with energy, pride, and culture. Their performance proudly showcased the strength of Indigenous people on a major stage. We are incredibly proud of the Redhawks for representing Nbisiing with confidence, unity, and spirit. The drum group is yet another powerful reason for students to come to Nbisiing—to learn, connect, and practice their culture.



Back L-R: Kayla Liberty, Jacie Martel, Mya Katt, Niibin Nakogee, Lance, Tom Farrell. Front L-R: Anthony, Tory Fisher and Mckenzie Ottereyes-Eagle.



## Nbisiing Emiigaazwaad Hockey Program

The Nbisiing Emiigaazwaad Hockey Program is more than just a team—it's a place to grow, learn, and belong.

Now celebrating the completion of their second season, the program runs throughout the school year with one weekly practice, welcoming students of all skill levels who are ready to show up, work hard, and have fun. Practices focus on skill development, teamwork, and confidence-building, with occasional dry-land training to support overall

athletic growth. Our players consistently brought grit, determination, and resilience to the ice, while creating a supportive, positive team environment.

Looking ahead, Nbisiing is excited to continue growing the program and is hopeful to ice a full girls team next season, with plans to develop a boys NDA team in the coming years.

If you're interested in hockey, community, and personal growth, this program is for you! Nbisiing – A place to be.



Back L-R: Coach Jacob Moreau, Anne Chookomolin, Logan Tompkins, Keaton Goulais, Xavier Beaucage, Drayden Ottereyes, Gavin Hughes, Coach Tom Farrell, Coach Tory Fisher. Front L-R: Alexis Beaucage, Coach Cailen Hanzlik, Kieran Beaucage, Jacie Martel, Riley Blanchard, Coach Lily George and Trent Beaucage.

## Apply for Post-Secondary Funding!

See the [new application process](#) and apply by **May 15, 2026**

New applications for Full-Time and Part-Time studies are now available! You can access them on our website or pick one up in person at the Education Office. If you have any questions, please visit the office, call, or email [gerryg@nfn.ca](mailto:gerryg@nfn.ca)

### Part-Time Applications

Requests for April 2026 - March 2027 are still being accepted.

### Full-Time Applications

The deadline to apply is Friday, May 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, contact:

**Geraldeana Goulais**

**Education Manager / Post-Secondary Support Worker**

70 Semo Rd. Garden Village ON

705-753-6995



## Spring Gillnet Moratorium

In accordance with Nipissing First Nation’s Fisheries Law, the **annual spring gillnet moratorium is in effect as of Wednesday, April 1, 2026 until the 2026 fishing season begins on Saturday, May 16, 2026.** Our enforcement officers will regularly monitor for compliance.



### Commercial and Subsistence Fisher Registration

We offer in-person registration for commercial and subsistence fishers this year at the Fisheries Office located at 17 Phillip Avenue in Garden Village. Online registration links for commercial and subsistence fishers and catch reporting form will be posted at [nfn.ca/fisheries](http://nfn.ca/fisheries) at a later date.

### Why do we have a spring gillnet moratorium?

The spring gillnet moratorium is the most important management tool we have to protect spawning walleye to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the Lake Nipissing fishery.

Miigwech to the registered commercial fishers and community members who respect the spring gill net moratorium and follow the NFN Fisheries Law. Your efforts help to ensure we can all enjoy the resources that Lake Nipissing provides for us now, and for future generations to come.

NFN plays a fundamental role in promoting the health and recovery of the Lake Nipissing fishery. NFN continues to have significant successes in protecting the lake’s walleye population and maintaining safe harvest levels within our commercial fishery, consistent with Aboriginal treaty and harvesting rights.

**For compliance/enforcement issues, contact a Bylaw Enforcement Officer:**

**Tyler Couchie:** 705-753-2050 ext.1224  
Cell: 705-498-2506

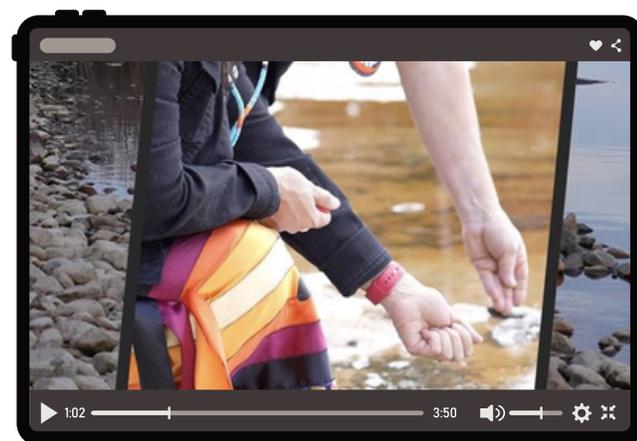
**Clayton Goulais:** 705-753-2050 ext.1236  
Cell: 705-498-3823

## Spring Walleye Spearing and Spawning

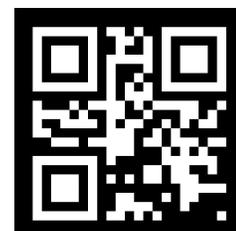
The *temporary pause on spear fishing will remain in place this year.* However, Chief and Council have approved a special exception.

**Spear fishing on Lake Nipissing will be allowed for six days** so NFN families can teach youth this traditional harvesting practice. Final dates and details will be shared later, as they depend on lake ice conditions.

In preparation, we invite NFN Members to watch a video in the Membership Portal to learn about traditional teachings on spear fishing.



[portal.nfn.ca](http://portal.nfn.ca) > Videos



**Join the Pow Wow Committee**

Nipissing First Nation Chief and Council are seeking seven Debendaagziwaad to serve on the NFN Pow Wow Ad Hoc Committee, commencing **April 2026 and ending September 2027.**

The NFN Pow Wow Ad Hoc Committee applicants must be NFN members aged 18 or older.

Meetings are held once a month and weekly leading up to the Annual Pow Wow and may be daily during the Annual Pow Wow week.

Committee members are paid an honorarium of \$100 for each meeting they attend.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the NFN Pow Wow Ad Hoc Committee, please

complete the NFN Pow Wow Ad Hoc Committee Application Form and submit it by mail, email or fax no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, to the attention of:

Ken Hazell  
 Manager, Culture and Language  
 24 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2  
 or kenh@nfn.ca  
 or Fax: 705-753-0207



*Scan the QR code to download and complete the NFN Pow Wow Ad Hoc Committee Application Form.*

**Welcoming a Medical Student to NFN – Host Opportunity Available**

Nipissing First Nation Health Services is looking for a community member who may be able to host a visiting medical student this spring.

From April 25 to May 22, 2026, Michael Hubeny, a first-year medical student from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), will complete a community placement with NFN Health



Services. During his time here, Michael will learn directly from community members about Indigenous perspectives on health, wellness, culture, and community life.

Community placements are an important part of medical training. They give future physicians the opportunity to experience

life in First Nations communities and gain a deeper understanding of the cultural values, traditions, and lives experiences that shape health and well-being. These experiences help students provide care that is more culturally safe, respectful, and responsive.

Michael is originally from Winnipeg and was raised in Red Lake. Before entering medical school, he worked in the mining industry and later became a nurse in the cardiac and stroke unit at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

Michael now lives in Thunder Bay with his wife. In his free time, he enjoys building and fixing things, working on motors, restoring an imported Japanese car, cooking, and going for walks. During his free in NFN, he hopes to learn more about the health perspectives, cultural values, and spiritual traditions of Ojibway and Algonquin First Nations.

NFN Health Services is seeking accommodations for Michael during his placement, and compensation is available. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Community Health Nurse at 705-753-3312.



**NFN Walking Alongside Services:  
March at a Glance**

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



- Kids Hangout
- Youth Hangout
- Youth Singing
- Nipissing Stories
- Rattle Making
- Youth Battalion Game

- Garden Village Drop-In
- Duchesnay Drop-In



See upcoming child, youth, and family events on pages 15-17!

**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 March 2026, the NFN Food Bank received generous donations from the following individuals and organizations:

- Patrick and Samantha Stevens (monthly donation)
- Mnogin Greenhouse
- Walking Alongside Program

*Miigwech for your donations!*

**Community Circles**

Join us for Community Circles **every Wednesday and Sunday at the Garden Village True Self office** (Holy Spirit Church Basement).

We will gather around an outdoor fire when weather permits or move indoors for a cozy sharing circle. Snacks and beverages are provided. Come connect, share, and grow together!

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

**Wellness Camp Opening Ceremony**

NFN Members and Affiliates are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Wellness Camp Opening Ceremony on **Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 2013 Jocko Point Road, North Bay.**



This special gathering offers an opportunity for community members to visit and experience the camp before it closes to the public for its upcoming 90-day program. During this time, the camp team will support participants in a private and respectful environment.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, as the event will take place outdoors and you will need to walk to the camp area.



We invite you to join us as we mark the opening of this important wellness initiative and learn more about the space that will soon support healing, growth, and well-being in our community.

## Claim Your 2025-2026 Medical Health Fund Expenses by April 15

The Medical Health Fund helps NFN members and their families cover out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), employee or group insurance, OHIP, or other federal or provincial programs.



Each member is eligible for up to \$1,000 per fiscal year (April 1–March 31). For expenses incurred during the 2025–2026 fiscal year, reimbursement requests must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**.

**The new fiscal year begins Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and runs through Wednesday, March 31, 2027.**

### How it works:

Members should first access all available coverage, including NIHB, group or employee insurance, and provincial plans. If a balance remains after these plans are used, the member may apply to the Medical Health Fund for reimbursement of the remaining amount. *If group insurance is available, it must be accessed first, and a copy of the insurance claim must be included with the Medical Health Fund application.*

**For more information or to apply, contact:**  
**Eleanor McLeod, Records & Inventory Program**  
**Assistant Medical Health Fund**

[eleanorm@nfn.ca](mailto:eleanorm@nfn.ca)  
 705-753-3312 x2224

Scan the QR code to download and complete the Medical Health Fund Form.



## Community Participation Contest for World Health Day

**Tuesday, April 7 is World Health Day.**

Health means something different to everyone. For some, it's staying active; for others, it's mental well-being, family support, or finding balance in everyday life.

In celebration of World Health Day, we invite you to share your answer to one simple question:

**“What does health mean to you?”**

### How to participate:

- Ages 0–4: Parents/caregivers can submit on behalf of their child by completing the sentence: “Health for my child means...”
- Ages 4–18: Submit artwork such as a colouring or drawing that shows what health means to you.
- Ages 18+: Share a short message, story, or tip that reflects your personal view of health.

All participants will be entered for a chance to win prizes while helping inspire others in our community to live healthier lives.

### How to submit:

Email your entry to [registerlhc@nfn.ca](mailto:registerlhc@nfn.ca) or drop it off at the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre. Please include your name, age, and phone number.

**Deadline: Friday, April 17 at Noon**

Join the conversation and celebrate health with us!

*This year, the World Health Organization unites and mobilizes the world under the theme “Together for health. Stand with science” celebrating the power of scientific collaboration to protect the health of people, animals, plants, and the planet.*



# Join Our Team

Explore NFN Job Opportunities

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](http://nfn.ca/jobs)

## Elders' Lodge Caregiver

*Full-time / Permanent*

- 1st Round Closes Friday, April 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, April 10, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, April 17, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

## Animal Control Officer

*Part-time / Permanent*

- 1st Round Closes Friday, March 20, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- 2nd Round Closes Friday, March 27, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Round Closes Friday, April 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

**Open to all qualified applicants until filled**

### Economic Development

## Economic Development Officer

*Full-Time/Permanent*

### Administration

## Junior Web Developer

*Full-Time/Permanent*

### Finance

## Accounts Payable Officer

*Full-Time/Permanent*

## Finance Officer

*Full-Time/Permanent*

We are Hiring!

- ✓ New Recruits
- ✓ Civilians
- ✓ Experienced Officers

**APPLY NOW**  
**apscops.org**

**CENSUS JOBS**  
Statistics Canada is hiring in your community for the 2026 Census!

- Use your local knowledge to help conduct the census.
- Develop skills that employers are looking for.
- Your contribution to the census can help your community plan and shape its future!

**Important to know**

- There are approximately 32,000 census jobs available across Canada.
- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between **March and July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings and weekends.

Apply now and tell a friend  
**census.gc.ca/jobs**

If you need assistance with your application, please call **1-833-830-3106**  
Teletypewriter (TTY): **1-833-830-3109**

## Events

Some programs depend on room availability and facilitators, last-minute changes may happen!

For the most up-to-date information, visit our **Events Calendar** on [NFN.ca/events](https://nfn.ca/events) or check our **Facebook events page** at [facebook.com/NipissingFN/events](https://facebook.com/NipissingFN/events). For many Children, Youth, and Family events, follow [@NFNWAS](https://twitter.com/NFNWAS).

### Walking Alongside Services



### Events Calendar



### Facebook Events



## Community Events

### Wellness Camp Opening Ceremony

Thurs, April 9 | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. |  
2013 Jocko Point Road, North Bay

### Maamwi wiisnidaa

Thurs, April 23 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

### ID Clinics

Thurs, April 23 | 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

Fri, April 24 | 1 - 4:30 p.m. |  
Garden Village Training Room

### NFN Emergency Services Information Session BBQ

Mon, May 4 | 5:30 p.m. | Garden Village Gym

Tues, May 5 | 5:30 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

## Young Spirits and Families

### Spa Night (Ages 13-29)

Wed, April 1 | 6 - 9 p.m. |  
Holy Spirit Church Basement

### Duchesnay Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Wed, April 1, 8, 15, 22 | 5 - 9 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

### Garden Village Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Wed, April 1, 8, 15, 22, | 5 - 9 p.m. |  
65 Juniper Cres

### Kids Egg Hunt (Ages 6-9)

Thurs, April 2 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

### Duchesnay Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Thurs, April 2, 9, 16, 30 | 5 - 9 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

### Garden Village Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Thurs, April 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5 - 9 p.m. |  
65 Juniper Cres



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Tues, April 7 | 5 - 7 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

**Game Night (Ages 10-15)**

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

**Spa Night (Ages 10-15)**

Wed, April 8 | 6 - 8 p.m. |  
Holy Spirit Church Basement

**Kids Colouring (Ages 6-9)**

Wed, April 8 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Duchesnay Drop-in (Ages 13-29)**

Wed, April 8, 15, 22 | 5 - 9 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

**Quill Workshop (Ages 13-29)**

Fri, April 10 | 5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres  
Sat, April 11 | 12 - 4 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Youth Bowling (Ages 13-29)**

Sun, April 12 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sudbury

**Craft Night (Ages 10-15)**

Mon, April 13 | 5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Kids Hangout (Ages 6-9)**

Mon, April 13 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Youth Singing (Ages 13-29)**

Mon, April 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 8 p.m. |  
Big Medicine Studio

**Kids Lego Night (Ages 6-9)**

Tues, April 14 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Craft Night (Ages 13-29)**

Tues, April 14 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Building Baby Bonds: Supporting Early Emotional Connections** 

Wed, April 15 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. |  
Holy Spirit Church Basement

**Ribbon Skirt Workshop (Ages 13-29)**

Friday, April 17 | 5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres  
Sat, April 18 | 12 - 4 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Wacky Wings (Ages 13-29)**

Sat, April 18 | 2 - 6 p.m. | North Bay

**Kids Hangout (Ages 6-9)**

Mon, April 20 | 5 - 7 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

**Lego Night (Ages 10-15)**

Mon, April 20 | 5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

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Tues, April 21 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Youth Puzzle Night (Ages 13-29)**

Tues, April 21 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Rattle Making Workshop (Ages 13-29)**

Fri, April 24 | 5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Sat, April 25 | 12 - 4 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Kids Hangout (Ages 6-9)**

Mon, April 27 | 5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Kids Craft Night (Ages 6-9)**

Tues, April 28 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Retro Game Night (Ages 10-15)**

Tues, April 28 | 5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Kids Movie Night (Ages 6-9)**

Wed, April 29 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

**Lego Night (Ages 13-29)**

Friday, April 29 | 5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

**Welcoming Babies Celebration **

Sun, May 3 | 10 a.m. | Garden Village Gym

**Elders Activities****Chair Yoga**

Tues, April 7, 21, 28 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Elders' Lodge Duchesnay

**The Village - Canadore College**

Tues, April 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 a.m. - Noon | Canadore College

**Cor Maximus Movement and Fall Prevention Program ****12 week program, Tuesdays or Thursdays**

Starting Tues, April 7 | 5 - 6 p.m. |

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Starting Thurs, April 9 | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. |

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**Diner's Club**

Wed, April 8 | Noon - 1 p.m. |

Duchesnay Community Hall

**Seniors Social: Puzzling **

Fri, April 17 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |

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### Seniors Wellness Day

Wed, April 29 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. |  
Duchesnay Community Hall

### Pow Wow Dance Class

Wed, April 22 | 1:30 - 3 p.m. | Duchesnay  
Community Hall

## Health and Recreation

### Circuit Training

Wed, April 1, 8, 22, 29 | Noon- 12:45 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Church Basement

Mon, April 13, 20, 27 | Noon- 12:45 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Church Basement

### Walking Group

Mon, April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Meet at LCHC Parking Lot

### Adult Kickboxing

Tues, April 7, 14, 21, 28 | Noon - 12:45 p.m.  
LCHC Boardroom

Thurs, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Noon - 12:45 p.m.  
| Holy Spirit Church Basement



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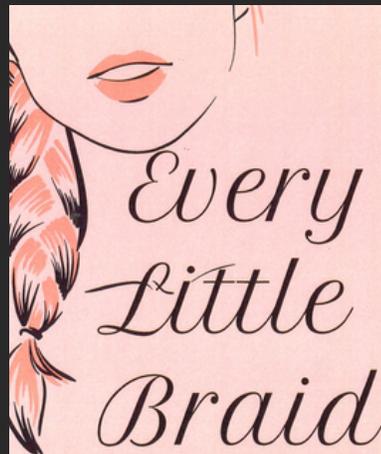
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			1 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	2	3 CLOSED Good Friday	4
5 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	6 CLOSED Easter Monday	7 World Health Day Chief & Council Garden Village 7:30 p.m. 	8 Diner's Club Duchesnay Hall Noon - 1 p.m. Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	9 Wellness Camp Opening Ceremony Jocko Point 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	13 	14 	15 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	16	17	18
19 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	20 	21 Chief & Council Duchesnay 7:30 p.m. 	22 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m.	23 ID Clinic Duchesnay Hall 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Maamwi Wiisnidaa Duchesnay Hall 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	24 ID Clinic GV Boardroom 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	25
26 Community Circle GV Lodge 3 - 6 p.m. 	27 	28 	29	30		

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