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Nipissing First Nation Comes Together for a Sweet Cause

Smiles were everywhere across Nipissing First Nation during this year’s Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, \$10,000 was raised to support the Nipissing Ojibway Daycare in Garden Village and the Couchie Memorial Daycare in Duchesnay — \$6,338 from cookie purchases and \$3,662 generously donated by Brian and Lorie Young, owners of the Wolves Den Tim Hortons.

All proceeds will help purchase new materials and resources to create brighter, more engaging learning spaces for our little learners.

Miigwech to our amazing cookie artists — children, parents, Chief and Council, Tim Hortons staff, Anishinabek Police Services, Nbisiging Secondary School, and The Early Learning Centre — for helping spread smiles one cookie at a time!



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Nipissing First Nations Welcomes Home New Chief Financial Officer



Nipissing First Nation is proud to welcome community member, Justin Penasse as our new Chief Financial Officer. This marks an important step forward in strengthening financial leadership while celebrating a return home. Justin officially joined the Finance Department and executive leadership team on Monday, April 20, 2026.

With more than 15 years of experience working in Indigenous communities and advancing reconciliation, Justin brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to this role. Most recently, he served as Manager of the Circle of Nations at Natural Resources Canada in Ottawa, where his work focused on reconciliation policy, risk management, and meaningful Indigenous engagement.

In his new position, Justin will provide strategic financial leadership to support the Nation's long-term financial strength, transparency, and sustainability. He will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer, Finance team, and the Finance and Audit Committee on budgeting, forecasting, audits, and risk management, while ensuring alignment with NFN's vision, values and priorities. He will also be responsible for reporting financials to Chief and Council.

Reflecting on his new role, Justin shared, "I'm really looking forward to building respectful and trusting relationships with Council, the leadership team, staff, and the community. I'm excited to support NFN's growth and self-determination by bringing sound financial guidance while always keeping Nipissing's values and goals at the center of decisions."

Treaty Pay Notice



Indigenous
Services Canada

Indigenous Services Canada representatives will be on-site to distribute the annual Treaty Payment. The payment amount remains \$4.00 per eligible member.

If members are unable to attend these days, they can complete and submit a [Treaty Annuity Payment Request Form to ISC](#):



Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Duchesnay Community Hall

520 Couchie Memorial Dr., North Bay ON

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Garden Village Gym

36 Semo Road, Garden Village ON

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reminders:

- Bring your status card or other ID for yourself.
- You can pick up for children (15 and under).
- Must have ID for children and your spouse.
- No third-party pickups – third-party notes are not accepted.
- Follow health protocols and stay home if you do not feel well.

If you have any questions, call 705-753-2922.

Alert: Dangerous Benadryl Misuse Among Youth

Some Nipissing First Nation youth and young adults are following a trend of purposely overdosing on Benadryl, a common allergy medicine. Some youth may think the effects feel exciting or different. There are no safe or

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Alert: Dangerous Benadryl Misuse Among Youth (continued)

positive effects from taking high doses, only serious risks.

Important: Antihistamines like Benadryl are drugs. There is a safe limit to how much a person can take. This depends on:

- Age and body size
- The type and amount taken
- Health conditions
- Other medicines being used

Signs of overdose to watch for in youth:

- Very excited or jittery
- Fast heartbeat
- Irritability
- Seeing or hearing things that are not real (hallucinations)
- Seizures

Serious symptoms that can follow:

- Extreme sleepiness
- Slow breathing
- Trouble peeing (urinary retention)
- Loss of consciousness (coma)
- Death

What to do right away:

- Call 911 or go to the nearest hospital if you think someone has overdosed
- Stay with the person and keep them awake if you can
- Bring the medicine bottle to show health workers

We encourage you to discuss with the young people in your life and reach out if you need support or have concerns:

The Right Path Counselling and Prevention Services:

316 Ted Commanda Drive, Garden Village
705-753-1375

Lily George Represents at Fred Sasakamoose Chief Thunderstick National Championships



Photo: Candy's Photography

Over the May long weekend, Lily George travelled to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to compete at the Fred Sasakamoose Chief Thunderstick National Championships, playing with the One Nation Thunder from Oneida of the Thames.

The team came out strong, winning all three of their round robin games. Their run came to an end in the semi-finals on Saturday after a hard-fought game against Cross Lake. This marked Lily's fifth time competing at the national tournament, a true reflection of her dedication and talent. NFN is proud of you, Lily!

Candace Shabogesic Recognized for Sharing the Language with our Youth



Nbising Secondary School recently hosted its annual powwow, where Candace Shabogesic was recognized for her ongoing work and dedication to the community. A teacher at Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS), she brought her

class to take part, giving students the opportunity to experience and engage in the gathering. During the powwow, student Starlotte Stevens shared a tribute, highlighting Candace's continued efforts in teaching and sharing the language with youth. She was also presented with a Migizi Miigwan (Eagle Feather) in recognition of her hard work. Candace remains committed to supporting Nipissing students, making a clear and lasting impact. Nishin, Candace!

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.

To Contact Sarah Dennis-Kooji, Public Relations Liaison email sarahd@nfn.ca or call 705-753-2050 ext. 1265

Warriors Merchandise For Sale!

Show your NFN pride! Our new Warrior merchandise launched in March and the support has been incredible!

Update on availability: Adult Hoodies are now sold out, and Adult T-Shirts are available in 3XL only.

The great news? While we await our next collection, we still have lots of Youth T-Shirts (S-XL) and Hoodies (M-XL) available, along with plenty of baby onesies (NB - 24m) or Small Rez Dog onesies.



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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:



**E-GIIGDOWAAD
CHIEF & COUNCIL**

**Attend Chief and Council Meetings and
Submit Requests**

June 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
Duchesnay

June 16 @ 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.

JOIN IN PERSON:

Confirm your attendance with Kayla Lariviere at kaylal@nfn.ca or 705-753-2050 ext. 1223

WATCH THE LIVESTREAM:

NFN Membership Portal at Portal.NFN.ca
Recordings of past meetings are available for 30 days.



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

Redhawks Athletics

Spring athletics are in full swing at Nbisiing with Girls Softball, Soccer, Golf, and Track and Field. Nbisiing’s Athletics Program has grown tremendously in the past few years, and we are so proud of our students for putting themselves out there with pride and humility.



Co-Operative Education

Kingston Couchie has been learning the ins and outs of retail at Traditional Medicine with owner Mitch Dokis. Through this placement, Kingston is



developing valuable workplace and retail skills including customer service, inventory organization, product presentation, communication, teamwork, and responsibility in a professional setting. He is also gaining firsthand knowledge of how a local

business operates and the importance of supporting community-based entrepreneurship.



Alexus Beaucage is gaining hands-on experience with NFN Public Works under the mentorship of Lead Hand Mechanic Darryl Bowen, who brings over 40 years of expertise to the trade. With his guidance, she is building valuable skills on her journey toward becoming a Truck and Coach Technician.

Nipissing-Miller Partnership Student Bursaries

The Nipissing-Miller Limited Partnership is pleased to invite applications for the 2026-2027 Student Bursary Program. Two bursaries of



\$1,000 each are available this year, open to both graduating secondary school students and post-secondary Nipissing First Nation students. Building on the success of the Partnership’s first bursaries awarded in 2025, this program continues to support NFN youth, strengthen the local workforce, and inspire the next generation of builders, makers, and innovators.

The bursary supports students pursuing studies in a trade-related field, including skilled trades, apprenticeship programs, construction, engineering

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Nipissing-Miller Partnership Student Bursaries (continued)

technology, heavy equipment, environmental services, business management, accounting/finance, or related areas.

In 2025, bursaries were awarded to Talon-River Beaucage, who is completing an apprenticeship with Iron Workers Union Local 786 while working toward his Red Seal Iron Worker and Welding Certification, and Rylan Fisher, who is enrolled in the Mining Engineering Program at Laurentian University.

The Nipissing-Miller Partnership remains committed to creating opportunities for local youth and investing in education and workforce development within Nipissing First Nation.

Applications for the 2026–2027 Student Bursary Program are now open. The deadline to apply is June 10, 2026.

See eligibility and complete the [Nipissing-Miller Partnership Student Bursary Application](#):



We encourage all eligible students interested in pursuing careers in the skilled trades and related fields to apply.

**Binoojiinhsag Kwajjin
Kinoomaagewin: Children’s Outdoor
Teaching Program**

The Summer Children’s Program is now Binoojiinhsag Kwajjin Kinoomaagewin: Children’s Outdoor Teaching Program!

Registration opened on Monday, May 11, 2026 for this 6-week program for children ages 6-12 focused on land-based learning.



This program will be held in Garden village with transportation from NFN communities to be provided as needed.

Transportation from NFN communities will be provided as needed. Spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the program is full, additional applicants will be placed on a waitlist.

Program confirmation will be sent by email or phone by the end of June.

Download the [Children’s Outdoor Teaching Program Registration Form](#) and send completed Registration Forms to: scp@nfn.ca



**2026-2027 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:

☎ 705-753-6995

📍 70 Semo Road, Garden Village ON P2B 3K2



Community Voices Needed for NFN Arena and Hotel Planning

Nipissing First Nation is launching the first step in our community engagement efforts to help shape the vision for a **potential twin-pad arena and hotel near Yellek**.

Your voice is essential to help us understand community needs, priorities, and aspirations for this major potential development.

The purpose of these sessions is to support our understanding of the community's vision, experiences around current regional recreation infrastructure, planned growth, and future infrastructure plans. Your input will directly inform the Feasibility Study being completed by Colliers Project Leaders.

Why Your Participation Matters

This project has the potential to support youth, families, Elders, athletes, local businesses, and the broader region. Community feedback will help determine:

- What makes a great arena for NFN
- How the facility can reflect our culture, identity, and values
- What additional uses - beyond hockey - should be included
- How the arena and hotel could support jobs, tourism, and community programming
- What concerns or considerations should guide planning

Join us on June 3, 2026, at one of two in-person visioning sessions:

- **Duchesnay Hall at 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
- **Garden Village Gym 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Each session will include a short 15–20 minute presentation that outlines the project objectives, scope, and how community input will shape the feasibility study.

World Café Discussions

Participants will rotate through small-table discussions exploring key questions such as:

- What makes a great arena?
- How should the facility reflect NFN culture?
- What community uses and opportunities should be included?

Dotmocracy Activity

Using photo boards, participants will identify their top priorities for arena and hotel features by placing coloured sticky notes - an engaging way to visualize collective preferences.

Light refreshments will be provided for the afternoon session, and a light meal will be provided for the evening session.

Additional Ways to Participate

Recognizing that not everyone can attend in person, NFN will also launch:

- **Online Community Survey:** A short, confidential survey will be open for three weeks in June. It will gather broader input on recreation needs, priorities, and potential benefits or concerns.
- **Local Vendor Survey:** Businesses will be invited to share their needs and interest in potential commercial space associated with the project.
- **Targeted Interviews:** NFN leadership, youth, and sports program representatives will participate in focused discussions to explore specific needs in more depth.

Help Shape the Future of Recreation and Economic Development at NFN

This is an important opportunity to guide a proposed project that could support youth development, community wellness, cultural expression, and economic growth for generations to come.

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NFN Arena & Hotel Feasibility Study - Community Engagement Sessions - Continued

To thank participants for their time and insight, door prizes will be available at both in-person session, and anyone who completes a survey or participates in an interview will be entered into a gift card draw.

We encourage all NFN members - on and off-reserve - to participate in the engagement sessions or complete the online survey.

Your voice will help ensure this project is grounded in NFN's values and responsive to the community's needs.

NFN Welcomes a New Animal Control Officer

Nipissing First Nation advises the community that Animal Control services for domestic animals (cats and dogs) are now in place.

An Animal Control Officer began duties on April 27, 2026. This role supports community safety and responsible animal guardianship by responding to animals at large, managing impoundments when required, addressing by-law violations, and providing education on responsible pet ownership.

For Animal Control assistance, please contact the Animal Control Officer, Maddy Masse at 705-471-6844.



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 June:

- Duchesnay (Hall parking lot):
June 10, 24 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Garden Village (Band Office gym doors):
June 3 and 17 | 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

Bear Wise Reminder: Stay Safe This Season

As warmer weather returns, so do bear sightings in our communities. It's important to stay alert and take precautions to avoid conflicts with wildlife.



Do not approach bears. If you spot one, report it immediately using the appropriate contact:

- Non-Emergency (e.g., bear roaming in area):
Call 1-866-514-2327
- Emergency (e.g., bear in a schoolyard, public gathering, home, or attacking livestock/pets):
Call 9-1-1

Learn [how to reduce bear encounters and stay Bear Wise:](#)



**Soil Remediation Project Update:
Remaining Restoration Work Planned for
2026**

As of November 13, 2025, a total of 49,791.17 metric tonnes of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM)-impacted soil was fully excavated and removed from all project worksites across NFN.

Major excavation and hauling activities are now complete. Extensive confirmatory testing and verification were carried out at every site to ensure that all NORM-impacted material was successfully identified and removed. The remaining work is focused on final cleanup, site restoration, drainage improvements, landscaping, and creek repairs.

Some work originally anticipated for spring 2026 was delayed due to significant flooding and saturated ground conditions across several sites. A site review meeting with the Ministry is scheduled for May 25 to assess current conditions and confirm any remaining restoration requirements.

What Work Still Needs to be Completed?

Work Site #3 – MTO Lands Near the Anishinabek Nation Office

Final cleanup and grading work is expected to begin the week of June 1 and will include:

- Removal of remaining silt fencing and straw bales
- Final grading and cleanup of the laydown area
- Installation of additional “No Trespassing” signage where required
- Review of any required gates or barriers along the access road

Additional creek reconstruction and repair work is expected to begin the week of July 16 and continue for approximately 1–3 weeks, following Ministry direction and in-water timing restrictions designed to protect fish and aquatic habitat.



245 Nova Beaucage Road Area

Restoration and drainage improvement work is expected to occur during the week of June 8. Work will focus on addressing persistent flooding concerns near the expanded excavation area through grading, ditching, berm construction, and hydroseeding.

Topsoil placement, tree planting, and final hydroseeding are expected to be completed in June or early July once site conditions are suitable and trees become available.

Former Mill Site (Work Site #1)

Final cleanup activities at the former mill site are expected to begin the week of June 15 and will include:

- Removal of remaining scrap metal, pipes, culverts, and other debris
- Removal of fencing and remaining silt controls along the east side and lakefront
- Final grading and reshaping of berms and laydown areas
- Relocation of large rocks and boulders to the site perimeter
- Completion of topsoil placement, seeding, and restoration work

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Soil Remediation Project Update: Remaining Restoration Work Planned for 2026 (Continued)



Future Greenspace Planning for the Former Mill Site

With the remediation work nearing completion, NFN is now inviting Yellek residents and community members to participate in a survey regarding future greenspace development opportunities at the former mill site.

Community feedback will help guide future planning discussions regarding features residents would like to see incorporated into the restored area, such as:

- Benches and seating/picnic areas
- Trees and natural vegetation
- Open greenspace
- Walking trails
- Playground

The [survey link](#) is now open, and responses will be accepted until July 31, 2026.

Community Information Session
Join us on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Duchesnay Community Hall

We will provide updates on the remaining restoration work, explain next steps and timelines, and answer questions from residents and community members.

NFN thanks community members for their continued patience, cooperation, and support throughout this important environmental restoration project.

For background information, weekly construction schedules, and project updates, please visit: [Soil Remediation Project Page](#)

For project-related questions or concerns, please contact:

Gen Couchie, Business Operations Manager
projectinfo@nfn.ca
 (705) 753-2050 ext. 1243

New Dockside Spill Kits Now Available in our Community



Dockside spill kits are now at all community boat launches! These are an important step forward to protect our waterways. This initiative has been made possible through funding support from the Canadian Coast Guard, helping ensure that everyone has access to the tools needed to respond quickly to fuel and oil spills.

What You'll See at the Boat Launch

Keep an eye out for bright yellow bins placed at community docking areas. These highly visible containers are stocked with essential spill response materials, including:

- Sorbent pads
- Absorbent booms
- Garbage bags

These materials are specifically designed to absorb oil, gasoline, and hydraulic fluids—but importantly, they do not absorb water, making them ideal for use in marine environments.

Open for Everyone to Use

These spill kits are available to anyone who needs them. Whether you're responding to an accidental

New Dockside Spill Kits Now Available in our Community (continued)

spill or taking preventive measures while fueling, you're encouraged to use the materials provided.

How to Use the Spill Kits

- In the water: Sorbent pads can be placed directly onto the water surface to absorb spilled fuel. Once saturated, they should be collected and disposed of properly.
- Preventative use: Pads can also be placed on surfaces when transferring fuel (such as pouring gasoline between tanks) to catch any drips or spills before they reach the water.

Reporting a Spill

Quick action is critical when dealing with spills.

- For major spills: Immediately contact the Ontario Spills Action Centre (SAC) at 1-800-268-6060

For smaller spills, assistance, or supplies:

- If you need help with cleanup, retrieving pads from the water, have questions, or notice that materials need to be replenished, please contact:

Andrew Urso

NFN Environmental Technician

andrewu@nfn.ca

(705) 753-2050 ext. 1341

Operation ROOT (Removal of Oppressive Out-competing Threats)

NFN's Environment Department is preparing to launch Operation ROOT (Removal of Oppressive Out-competing Threats), a coordinated initiative aimed at addressing the spread of invasive Japanese Knotweed throughout NFN. This effort is part of a broader commitment to protecting local ecosystems, preserving native plant species, and preventing further environmental and property impacts caused by this aggressive invasive plant.

Japanese Knotweed is known for its rapid growth and ability to outcompete native vegetation, often forming dense stands that are difficult to remove once established. Its presence can lead to long-term ecological imbalance and may also impact infrastructure and land use if left untreated. Recognizing the urgency of the issue, the Environment Department has already begun identifying priority locations where treatment and removal are needed. At this time, several areas have been identified for initial treatment, including Duchesnay, Yellek, Beaucage, and Garden Village. These locations will be the focus of the first phase of Operation ROOT as NFN works to contain and eliminate established knotweed stands.



Fieldwork is scheduled to begin in early August 2026. During this time, NFN staff will be on-site alongside a contracted company specializing in invasive species management. Together, they will carry out the necessary treatment and removal procedures, ensuring that the work is completed safely and effectively while minimizing environmental impact.

Community participation is a key component of Operation ROOT's success. Residents within NFN are encouraged to report any Japanese Knotweed present on their property so that additional affected areas can be identified and addressed.

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Operation ROOT (Removal of Oppressive Out-competing Threats) (Continued)

Providing this information will help the Environment Department develop a more complete understanding of where the plant is located and prioritize treatment efforts accordingly.

To assist with this initiative, residents are asked to submit their name, address or lot number, and clear photos of any suspected Japanese Knotweed stands. Submissions can be made directly by email to hollym@nfn.ca, or anonymously through Tips@nfn.ca for those who prefer confidentiality.

By working together and sharing information, the NFN community can play an active role in reducing the spread of invasive species and protecting the health of local lands and waterways. Operation ROOT represents an important step in safeguarding the natural environment for current and future generations, and every report contributes to the success of this effort.

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

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

- Kids Hangout
- Kids Princess Tea Party Movie Night
- Kids Super Hero Night
- Tween Hangout
- Tween Spa Night
- Tween Herbology Night
- Youth Duchesnay Drop-In
- Youth Movie & Lunch
- Youth Singing
- Youth Naming Ceremony



See upcoming child, youth, and family (young spirits and families) events on pages 17-19!

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.

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 May 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
- Les Couchi

Garden Village Elders Lodge Seeking Artwork Donations

As preparations continue for the opening of the new Garden Village Elders’ Lodge, the team is seeking artwork donations to help create a warm, welcoming, and home-like environment for residents. Community members are invited to contribute artwork that add comfort, culture, and character to the space. Contact the Garden Village Elder’s Lodge Supervisor at tracyh@nfn.ca

Elders' Lodges - Call for Applications

We are now accepting applications for NFN's Elders' Lodges, including the Enjinaakdawendmindwaa in Duchesnay, which opened on July 8, 2025 and in Garden Village, which is set to open early summer 2026.

The Elders' Lodges provide a safe and supportive home for Gchi-Anishnaabeg (Nipissing First Nation elders) who need some help with daily activities, but who are mostly independent.

Who Can Apply

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a registered member of Nipissing First Nation
- Be 55 years of age or older
- Complete a pre-screening form to confirm eligibility
- Sign the Code of Conduct for residents
- Be assessed for assisted living and agree to a health reassessment before move-in
- Complete a financial assessment (rent is geared to your income)
- Be ready to move in when a space is offered

What Support is Provided

The Elders' Lodges are assisted living homes, not nursing homes. This means:

- Staff are onsite 24/7 for emergencies
- Residents receive meals, laundry, and cleaning
- Nursing care is not guaranteed

If needed and eligible, extra care may be available through NFN's Home and Community Care Program, including:

- Help with walking, bathing, medication, wound care, and hygiene
- These services are offered during the day and some evenings, but not overnight
- Residents still need a level of independence

How to apply

Carefully review the Resident Code of Conduct and complete the pre-screen application, and submit the application to:

Home and Community Care Team

705-753-5063 or email chadm@nfn.ca

FAQs

What if More Care is Needed Later?

If a resident's health declines and they need more care than the Lodge can provide, NFN staff will support the resident and family. We will help arrange a move to a more suitable care facility which may include Cassellholme (which has 16 beds set aside for NFN members) or the hospital.

Do I Still Need an Assessment if a Doctor Recommends the Lodge?

Yes. While we appreciate recommendations from health professionals, NFN must do its own assessment to make sure the Lodge is the right fit. Residents must be mostly independent and only require minimal help with daily activities.

If you have any questions, contact:

Director of Health Services

705-753-3312

Stay connected with the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre (LCHC)!

Community members can register their preferred contact information (email, landline, cell number or all three!) to get important updates about upcoming workshops, programs, changes, and community health information. Stay informed and never miss opportunities to participate!

Email registerlchc@nfn.ca or call 705-753-3312

Emergency Preparedness Survey

Nipissing First Nation Health Services has begun collecting essential information to support emergency preparedness and response. This data will help emergency response teams quickly identify needs, vulnerable populations, and required resources during emergencies. [Complete the survey here.](#)

Please note: Responses will be kept confidential and used only for emergency planning and response.

If you or a family member would prefer a physical form, call the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre: 705-753-3312



Reimbursement Funds

The Recreation Reimbursement Fund assists NFN families (on and off reserve) and encourages participation in recreational activities. The fund provides reimbursement of physical and recreational activities up to \$500 for each child per year.



View the **Recreation Reimbursement policy and application** and submit application to recreimbursements@nfn.ca

Cheyenne "measuring up" at the complex after her swim lesson. It'll be awhile before she can go down the slide, but she is already building so much confidence with the water and her swimming skills! Miigwech NFN Reimbursement Funds for supporting her swim lessons!

NFN ID Clinics Help Community Members Access Essential Services

Our recent NFN ID Clinic was a busy and successful event, helping community members take important steps toward making daily life a little easier. We were pleased to welcome 25 attendees in Garden Village and 14 in Duchesnay, all of whom were able to access multiple services in one convenient location. Events like these highlight the value of bringing essential supports directly into the community.

One service you may not have known about was provided by the Sudbury Community Services Centre (SCSC). Their team was on site assisting with birth certificate applications and basic tax returns. If you missed the clinic, you can still access their free tax filing service by emailing scsc@scscsudbury.ca. This is a valuable resource for anyone needing help with taxes or replacing important documents.

Service Canada was also available, offering support with Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), passport applications, and Social Insurance Numbers (SIN). As a helpful reminder, Service Canada has a representative in Sturgeon Falls (225 Holditch Street) every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., making it easier to access services closer to home.

To avoid long wait times, the easiest way to see a Service Canada representative is to [book an appointment online:](#)



NFN ID Clinics Help Community Members Access Essential Services (continued)

In addition, Service Ontario had four representatives present, providing services such as birth certificates, health cards, driver’s licences, and Ontario Photo ID cards.

Having proper identification truly makes life easier, and our goal with these ID clinics is to ensure the process is as accessible and stress-free as possible.

We look forward to hosting the next ID Clinic in Garden Village near the end of July, with additional clinics planned for October in both Duchesnay and Garden Village. Keep an eye on future newsletters for dates and details.

For more information, please contact:

Corri Daniels	Lyn Quiring
Community Navigator, Social Services 249-328-0226	Wiidooktaadyang Coordinator, Family Well-Being 705-475-8229

Health Services Walk-in Clinic Services

Our walk-in clinic provides non-urgent, general practitioner care for individuals who require medical attention for minor illnesses, injuries, or routine health concerns.

Telephone appointments accepted but are limited, walk-in time slots are reserved for walk-ins only. Services are provided on a first come, first served basis, no referral required. Requests for advance booking will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The NFNHS Walk-in clinics are intended for non-emergency situations only. For urgent or life-threatening conditions, please visit the nearest emergency department or call 911.

Medical Services Provided

General Medical Care

- Cold, flu, sore throat, and ear infections
- Minor injuries (sprains, cuts, minor burns etc.)
- Skin conditions (rashes, infections, allergic reactions etc.)

Diagnostic & In-Clinic Testing

- Urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- Strep tests
- Pregnancy tests
- Blood glucose checks
- Pap tests
- Other point-of-care testing

Treatments & Procedures

- Injections
- Minor procedures (e.g., suture removals, abscess draining)
- Medication review and renewals
- Prescription refills (short-term or urgent)
- Referrals
- Forms and doctor’s notes (e.g., sick notes)
- Requisitions for X-rays, ultrasounds, and other scans
- Contraception
- Wound care and dressings

Preventive Care

- Blood pressure monitoring
- Diabetes screening
- Basic health screenings & check-ups

Walk-in Clinic Dates:

- Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

(All clinics take place at the LCHC.
58 Semo Road, Garden Village, ON)

Call the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre at 705-753-3312 for more information about our services and to determine if the walk-in clinic is appropriate for your care needs.

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

Bus Driver

Full-time / Permanent

1st Round Closes Friday, May 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

2nd Round Closes Friday, June 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

3rd Round Closes Friday, June 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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Governance, Culture, Language & Heritage

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Events Calendar



Facebook Events



Community Events

Grief and Loss Circle

Mon, June 1 | 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. |
LCHC Boardroom

NFN Arena and Hotel Engagement Sessions

Wed, June 3 | 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

Wed, June 3 | 6 - 8 p.m. | Garden Village Gym

Big Drum Social

Wed, June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6 - 8 p.m. | Garden Village ODR

Health Fair

Thurs, June 4 | 2 - 5:30 p.m. | Garden Village ODR

Treaty Pay

Tues, June 16 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. |
Duchesnay Community Hall

Wed, June 17 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | GV Gym

Soil Remediation Project Information Session

Wed, June 24 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
Duchesnay Community Hall

Maamwi wiisnidaa

Thurs, June 25 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
Duchesnay Community Hall

Summer Clothing Giveaway

Fri, June 26, Sat, June 27 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. |
Garden Village ODR

Young Spirits and Families

Kids Hangout (Ages 6-9)

Mon, June 1, 15 | 5 - 7 p.m. |
Duchesnay Community Hall

Tween Cooking (Ages 10-12)

Mon, June 1 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Youth Singing (Ages 13-29)

Mon, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 8 p.m. |
Big Medicine Studio



Registration Required

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Kids Gardening (Ages 6-9)

Tues, June 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5 - 7 p.m. |
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Kids Crafts (Ages 6-9)

Wed, June 3 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

Tween Hangout (Ages 10-12)

June 3, Hangout

June 10, Science and Slime

June 17, Flower Art

June 24, Game Night

6 - 8:30 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church

Garden Village Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Wed, June, 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5 - 9 p.m. |
65 Juniper Cres

Duchesnay Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Thurs, June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 9 p.m. |
Duchesnay Community Hall

Garden Village Drop- in (Ages 13-29)

Thurs, June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 9 p.m. |
65 Juniper Cres

Open Sewing (Ages 13-29)

Fri, June 5, 26 | 5 - 9 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Maamwi Kindaaswin Pow Wow

(Ages 13-29)

June 6 - 7 | 12 - 5 p.m. | North Bay

Kids Paint Night (Ages 6-9)

Mon, June 8 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

Youth Cooking (Ages 13-29)

Mon, June 8 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Kids Video Game Night (Ages 6-9)

Wed, June 10 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

Duchesnay Drop-in (Ages 13-29)

Wed, June 10, 17, 24 | 5 - 9 p.m. | Duchesnay
Community Hall

Tween Movie Night (Ages 10-12)

Fri, June 12 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Wacky Wings (Ages 13-29)

Sat, June 13 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | North Bay

Tween Hangout (Ages 10-12)

Sun, June 14 | 3 - 6 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Baby Massage

Mon, June 15, 22, 29 and Mon, July 6 | 11 a.m.
- 1 p.m. | Duchesnay Community Hall

Youth Tye Dye Night (Ages 13-29)

Mon, June 15 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres



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Kids Book Club (Ages 6-9)

Wed, June 17 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

Kids Paint Night (Ages 6-9)

Mon, June 22 | 5 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Youth Mini Putt (Ages 13-29)

Mon, June 22 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Bundle Bag Making with Tracey L

(Ages 15+)

Mon, June 22, Tues, June 23, Mon, June 29,
Tues, June 30 | 5 - 8 p.m. | Duchesnay
Community Hall

Kids Uno (Ages 6-9)

Wed, June 24 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Library

Dokis Pow Wow (Ages 13-29)

Sat, June 27, Sun June 28 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
Dokis

Kids Hangout (Ages 6-9)

Mon, June 29 | 5 - 7 p.m. | GV Park

Youth BBQ & Games (Ages 13-29)

Mon, June 29 | 5 - 8 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Kids BBQ (Ages 6-9)

Tues, June 30 | 4 - 7 p.m. | 65 Juniper Cres

Elders Activities

Chair Yoga

Tues, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30
p.m. | Elders' Lodge Duchesnay

The Village - Canadore College

Tues, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10 a.m. - Noon |
Canadore College

Diner's Club

Wed, June 10 | Noon - 1 p.m. |
Garden Village Gym

Seniors Wellness Day

Fri, June 26 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
Garden Village Gym

Health and Recreation

Circuit Training

Mon, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Noon- 12:45 p.m.
| Garden Village Outdoor Rink

Wed, June 3, 10, 17, 24 | Noon- 12:45 p.m. |
Garden Village Outdoor Rink

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Walking Group

Mon, June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Meet at LCHC Parking Lot

Stained Glass Workshop (18+)

Fri, June 12 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | LCHC Boardroom

Adult Kickboxing

Tues, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Noon - 12:45 p.m. | Garden Village Outdoor Rink

Thurs, June 4, 11, 18, 25 | Noon - 12:45 p.m. | Holy Spirit Church Basement



Registration Required

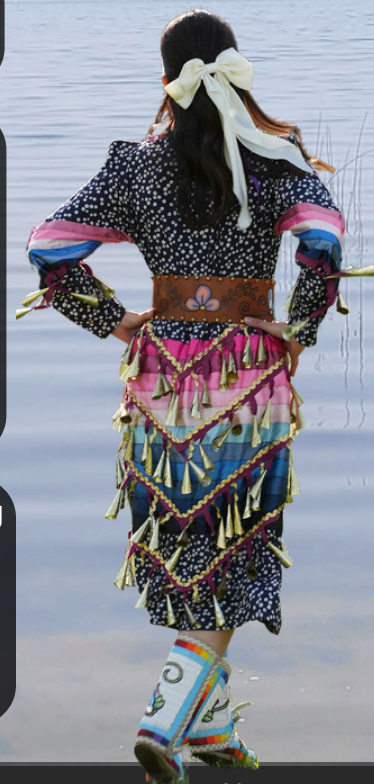
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Gnwaa Giizhgad Summer Solstice

Friday, June 19, 2026
36 Semo Road, Garden Village

Celebrate the longest day with us! Wear your regalia and take part in our dance social for a chance to win prizes. Enjoy special performances from invited dancers as they showcase their styles, and join us for a community feast.

- 4:45 a.m.** Sunrise Ceremony & Sema Teaching
- 4 p.m.** Welcoming & Community Feast
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- 8 p.m.** Closing



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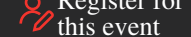
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