



COVID-19

Please be advised that the Missanabie Cree First Nation Band Office including our Family Services Office is closed to ALL visitors.

MCFN Family Services will provide access to pick up and drop off through our main Band Office by appointment only.

The MCFN Family Services building has moved to our main location at:
559 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

[Please see page 2 for more details](#)

[Look for important updates on our website & our Facebook page](#)

www.missanabiecreefn.com

Events/Gatherings:

**ALL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE CANCELLED/
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Administrative Message

As many of you are aware of the current COVID-19 issues we are facing. We encourage you to practice social distancing and we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information on the steps your Band Office is taking to protect our staff and members alike.

In office access is limited to essential staff only. Staff members are taking reasonable precautions to maintain a safe distance from each other and remain home if they are not feeling well or have decided to practice social distancing. We will continue to serve the community from remote locations via phone and email communication. If you are not sure who to speak to please leave a message in the general mailbox and our receptionist will pass the message to the appropriate staff member.

Family services have implemented safeguards to ensure health and safety is not compromised while continuing to provide essential services to our members. For members who are facing difficulties such as: child care costs and emergency food assistance due to the COVID-19 situation, please contact the Family Services Supervisor to request an intake form.

Our interview and selection process for several positions has been postponed and will resume once business returns to normal.

We thank you for your patience during this time. Stay safe and help lower the curve using the tips below:

- Wash your hands often
- Sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid people who are sick
- Stay home if your are sick
- Do not gather in groups
- Do not visit long term care facilities

If you are over the age of 70, have asthma or poor lung function or are immunocompromised please self-isolate and leave your home only for essential services (check for delivery services options available to limit your exposure to multiple people).

Your Administrative Team

Chief's Message

Watchay,

In this difficult time, our Council will be meeting regularly and looking for updates on a daily basis to address this global pandemic. We as Chief and Council have implemented some safety precautions at our office to prevent the spread of the virus. Until further notice the office will be closed to visitors, but there will be staff available to call and email in case of emergencies.

Please practice social distancing and proper precautions such as washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and throw it away. Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth without washing your hands first. Do not go near others who are sick. Disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often. Self isolate if possible by working from home.

As well, our Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) has developed a Task Team to respond to the global COVID-19 pandemic. For further information on how our government is addressing Indigenous peoples please watch:

<https://youtu.be/71fFRFQn2VA>

Please be aware of our most vulnerable in our community and reach out to our community members. Help out where you can as they may be in need. Sometimes, just a phone call would help lift the spirits of an Elder or vulnerable member.

This will pass, and we will someday look back at this and remember how we came together as a community to help one another in this uncertain time.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shereena Campbell on being the successful candidate for the position of Band Administrator. We are fortunate to have Shereena in this position as she has temporarily taken on this role many times in Doreen's absence which will make this transition almost seamless. I am confident that she is more than equipped to handle the responsibility and all that this position entails.

In the Spirit of Community,

Chief Jason Gauthier



Wachyia, Anii, BooZo,

The first week of the month of March was quite busy. I attend all but Thunder Bay's information workshop on land development as I was in Timmins regarding Kunuwanimano Child and family Services.

Chief and Council met with the Mark Williams, MCFN's Investment Manager, along with CIBC and Maurice Law Firm in Toronto regarding Missanabie Cree's settlement. Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19), all meetings have been postponed until further notice. I feel confident that once this pandemic has subsided, the total amount of our settlement dollars will be released in the following months thereafter.

I would like to reach out to all Missanabie members on Turtle Island to please practice self-isolation. When need be, keep safe distances and wash your hands when leaving and especially when returning home. I understand the strain and uncertainty that this will have and has had on ourselves and our families.

Let's try to be more patient with each other and be kind to one other in these trying times.

If there is a need for my support here in Sault Ste Marie or elsewhere, please do not hesitate to reach out, I will do my utmost to aid you in this strenuous time.

FYI, I have a few extra rolls of TP...lol...;).

As always, in spirit of a united community,

Chi-Meegwich Les Nolan Deputy Chief





Missanabie Cree will be sending out extra support to families and Elders during this time of social distancing because of the **COVID- 19 pandemic.**

If you moved and need to update **your address**, please send an email to June at **jmarkie@missanabiecree.com**

with your updated address or call the office at **(705) 254 -2702** and leave message.

Thank you and Stay safe!

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE: SELF-MONITORING, SELF-ISOLATION, AND ISOLATION FOR COVID-19

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING

SELF-MONITORING

You have:

- ▶ no symptoms
- AND
- ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, in the last 14 days

SELF-MONITOR means to:

- ▶ **monitor yourself** for 14 days for one or more symptoms of COVID-19
- ▶ go about your day but **avoid crowded places** and increase your personal space from others, whenever possible

You need to **self-monitor** if:

- ▶ you have reason to believe you have been **exposed to a person** with COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you are in **close contact** with older adults or medically vulnerable people

OR

- ▶ you have been **advised to self-monitor** for any other reason by your Public Health Authority

If you develop symptoms, **isolate yourself from others immediately** and contact your **Public Health Authority** as soon as possible

SELF-ISOLATION

You have:

- ▶ no symptoms
- AND
- ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus due to travel outside of Canada or close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19

SELF-ISOLATE means to:

- ▶ **stay at home** and monitor yourself for symptoms, even if mild, for 14 days
- ▶ **avoid contact with other people** to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community in the event you become symptomatic

Self-isolate if:

- ▶ you have travelled **outside of Canada** within the last 14 days

OR

- ▶ your Public Health Authority has identified you as a **close contact** of someone diagnosed with COVID-19

If you develop symptoms, even if mild, **stay home, avoid other people** and contact your **Public Health Authority** as soon as possible

ISOLATION

You have:

- ▶ symptoms, even if mild
- AND
- ▶ you have been **diagnosed with COVID-19** or are waiting for the results of a lab test for COVID-19

To be **ISOLATED** means to:

- ▶ **stay at home** until your Public Health Authority advises you that you are no longer at risk of spreading the virus to others
- ▶ **avoid contact with other people** to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community, particularly people at high risk of severe illness outcomes such as older adults or medically vulnerable people

You need to **isolate** if:

- ▶ you have been **diagnosed** with COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you are **waiting to hear the results** of a laboratory test for COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you have been **advised to isolate at home** for any other reason by your Public Health Authority

If your symptoms get worse, immediately contact your healthcare provider or **Public Health Authority** and **follow their instructions**

WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1-833-784-4397

canada.ca/coronavirus

phac.info.aspc@canada.ca



Public Health
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé
publique du Canada

Canada

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

WHILE OUTSIDE OF CANADA, YOU MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19

For the next 14 days:



self-isolate
(stay home and keep your distance from others)



do not have visitors, especially older adults or those with medical conditions, who are at a higher risk of developing serious illness



monitor your health for fever (greater or equal to 38°C), cough and difficulty breathing



wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



cover your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing or sneezing

MONITOR YOUR HEALTH



FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING

IF YOU START HAVING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



Separate yourself from others as soon as you have a symptom of COVID-19.



Visit the provincial or territorial public health website where you are located for more information, including when to contact your public health authority.



PREVENTION



wash your
hands



avoid
touching
your face



avoid
contact
with sick
people



cover your
mouth



stay home



clean and
disinfect
surfaces
regularly

PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES

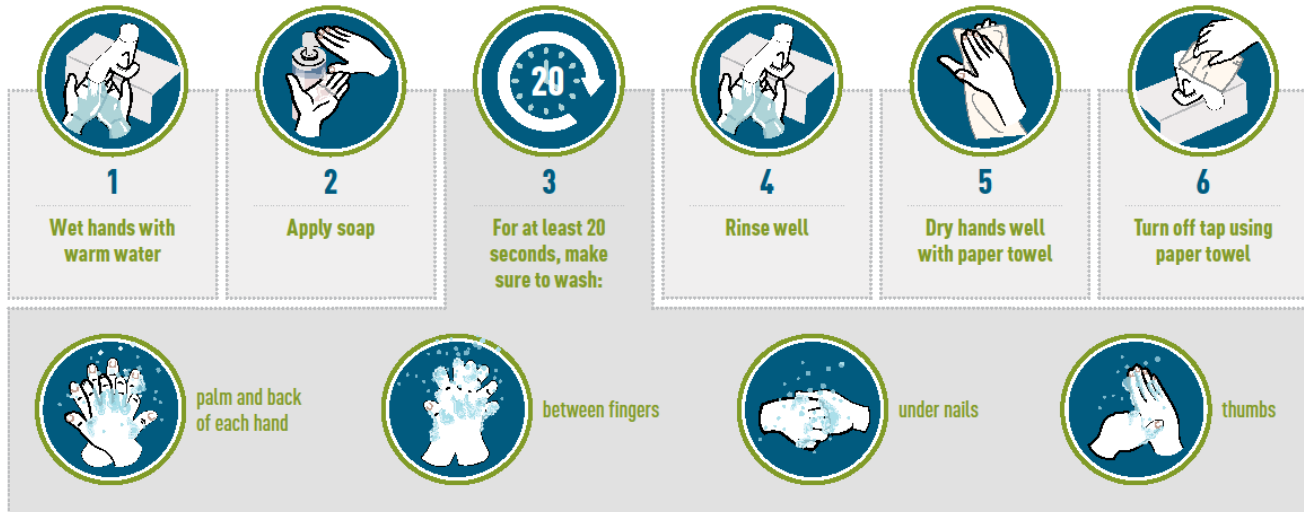
PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES	TELEPHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
British Columbia	811	www.bccdc.ca/covid19
Alberta	811	www.myhealth.alberta.ca
Saskatchewan	811	www.saskhealthauthority.ca
Manitoba	1-888-315-9257	www.manitoba.ca/covid19
Ontario	1-866-797-0000	www.publichealthontario.ca
Quebec	1-877-644-4545	www.quebec.ca/en/coronavirus
New Brunswick	811	www.gnb.ca/publichealth
Nova Scotia	811	www.nshealth.ca/public-health
Prince Edward Island	811	www.princeedwardisland.ca/covid19
Newfoundland and Labrador	811 or 1-888-709-2929	www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19
Nunavut	867-975-5772	www.gov.nu.ca/health
Northwest Territories	911	www.hss.gov.nt.ca
Yukon Territory	811	www.yukon.ca/covid-19

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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 canada.ca/coronavirus

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



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Greetings from the Education Office!

There are a few things that I would like to share with you:

- 1) The April living allowance payment will be deposited into your account on March 26th.
- 2) Applications for Post-Secondary Student Support Program sponsorship for the 2020-2021 academic year can be found on the MCFN website and printed out for your use.
- 3) The deadline for the applications for sponsorship is May 15th, 2020.
- 4) Applications are now *required* for the Incentive Program plus an *official transcript* to verify your cumulative/overall average or GPA. The application can be found on the MCFN website.
- 5) Final grades are required for continued funding for current students as soon as the grades are available.
- 6) New students must have official transcripts from their last school attended.

I am working from home for the time being but am available though email.

Keep safe and remember social distancing to protect yourself during these uncertain times.

Take care,

Judy Syrette

Interim Education Officer



MCFN Membership - Card Renewals

Until further notice, due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the MCFN office will NOT be renewing or replacing Status Cards as our offices are closed to visitors.

If your card is expired and you need a temporary confirmation of status, you can call (1) 844-280-5011 to make this request. INAC offices have posted the following : Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application Centre

COVID-19-related office closure: All Indigenous Services Canada offices for Indian status and secure status card applications will be closed until further notice due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to apply for a Secure Certificate of Indian Status by mail:

Secure Certificate of Indian Status Application Centre: M006-15 Eddy Street
Gatineau QC K1A 0H4
Fax: 1-819-994-2622

Email enquiries only during COVID-19 response

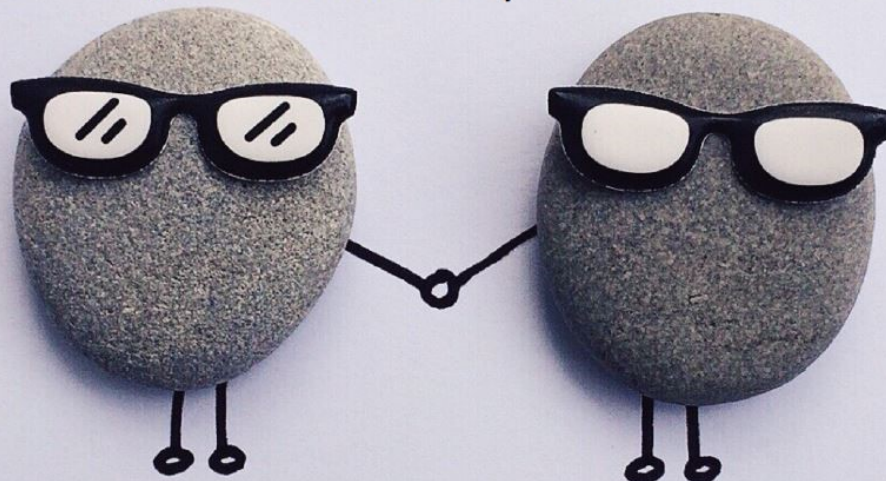
To support national efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Enquiries Contact Centre is temporarily providing services via e-mail only. An agent will respond to your request as soon as possible. We are prioritizing requests based on their urgency. Updates on the status of an application for Indian Status cannot be provided at this time.

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL SAD, STRESSED, CONFUSED,
SCARED OR ANGRY DURING A CRISIS.**

Talk to people you trust, such as friends and family or your fellow community members .



Stay positive, we will get through this together.

Missanabie Cree Business Corporation

From the desk of June Markie

Good morning Family and Relatives and All my relations.

Happy Easter to all.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and healthy due this time of isolation.

Just to let everyone know I am working from home that is why you can't reach me at the office. You can reach me by leaving a message in the general mailbox. I will be checking voicemail frequently during the day.

I will be so happy when things get back to normal and I'm hoping that will be soon, but it is up to the Creator at this point.

Please be kind to people when talking to them because they didn't ask for these catastrophes. There are a lot of things shutting down and the Sault looks like a ghost town right now. Because the majority of us are working from home, we are only able to do provide certain services, so please be patient. I thought working from home would be awesome, but it sucks. Being home with my grandson is great, but I miss seeing family and friends from work. Well that's it for my news. As for the newsletter please let myself or Natalie know if you still want your newsletters sent to you by mail. Love you all and take care.

May the Creator be with each and everyone and to please watch over us in this time of need.

Meegwetch Meegwetch Meegwetch Meegwetch

Happy Birthday

to my great nephew

D.J. Fletcher

Love, your Great
Auntie June



Happy Birthday

to my nephew

Murray Fletcher

Love, Auntie June



Happy Birthday



to my niece

Lorraine Wilson

Love, Auntie June



I would like to send a birthday wish to my son Corey.

Happy Birthday Corey

Love you so much MOM



Elders Speak

Watchay Elders, family and friends. It's hard to find the words to express to you of what I want to say, but I will try. The COVID-19, the virus is now here in our country and the USA. We are about to enter a new era that is changing the world right before our eyes. In this time we are faced with a worldwide crisis that is bringing us together, while at the same time we may be isolated in our homes. We are learning and quickly, a new process to keep our families safe. This is out of our normal as we know it, but following the new protocol of social distancing, staying at home, extra washing of hands, and taking the necessary steps will ensure that we are doing our part to slow down and stop the virus from moving further.

Unfortunately fear can come with this, so I would like to encourage everyone to pray, it doesn't have to be fancy or a set way, just talk to Creator, to whoever, or whatever your source may be. I believe that

prayer moves energy, and can help bring peace and calm to our hearts, brings answers, and also sets the stage for renewal in our spirits. This is a time to be still and reflect, to listen to our inner guidance. And in the meantime, we can do some of the things we wanted to do at home. It's also a good time to connect even more with loved ones. If you are alone, and are experiencing fear or anxiety, or maybe you might need help, call someone, or use the various methods to communicate like with Face-time. This is the time to support each other, and to encourage one another. In all of this, I hope we can become a self-sustaining community in the near future that will provide for members and family during any crisis. Miigwetch, and take care.

*Glad Fletcher-Hawkins
Missanabie Cree
Elder Liaison*

Youth Speak

Hi Everyone!

I would like to announce to the youth and community that I will be stepping down as the Youth Representative for Missanabie Cree. Hopefully this is exciting news for the youth as someone can now have the chance to access all the amazing opportunities that come with this position. I am sad to step down, however after three years, it is time for the next great mind to step up and show the community that bigger and better things are always on the horizon.

I am glad to say this position was an amazing experience, I was offered the chance to learn so much; from the Chief and two councils that I sat with, the elders who were kind enough to offer their support and knowledge when I needed it, and from the community who always wanted to see the best for the youth and all of the staff at the band office (I can't say I met everyone, but those at the office are the unsung heroes, they make everything run and they deserve a shout-out).

The ability to represent the Missanabie youth at gatherings all over Ontario, from Mining summits in Moose Factory, to Meeting the Prime Minister in Ottawa, each and every conference, symposium, meeting, and phone call provided so much knowledge that I will continue to use into the future.

To the interested, and maybe not quite so interested youth out there. Don't underestimate the title, it is not as boring as you may think it to be. There are skills to be learned, experiences to be had, and times to change ahead of you if you take this position. I had the chance to deepen and create connections with our elders and community leaders that I hope you will jump at the opportunity to learn from. ...Have I emphasized the opportunities here enough?

So youth! I only expect great things from you, no pressure but, I know you will bring bigger and better things to our community, because that's exactly what we do. I'm excited to see where you go from here

In the meantime, while we await the next amazing youth rep, I will stay on and attend chief and council meetings. And anything else needed to help support the youth, I will also help in the transition of the next youth rep once they are decided. So if you have any questions feel free to reach out!

Once again, A huge thank you to everyone I have had the chance to work with during this time, it's an opportunity I won't forget!

Your friendly neighbourhood community member,

Alexandra Langford-Pezzo

Community News and Notes

2020 Annual Gathering

Please be advised that this year's, MCFN Annual Gathering and Cree Fest will continue as scheduled unless otherwise stated.

We will continue to assess the situation of Covid-19 regarding whether or not this event will be postponed or cancelled.

At this time the date remains: August 8 – 15

Emergency Support

During the Covid-19 outbreak, when available, MCFN Family Services will be assisting with emergency support at our main office by appointment only. If you are an MCFN member and are in need, please call before you pick up to ensure there are staff present to assist you.

Visitors are restricted from entering the Missanabie Cree First Nation Office & the Family Services Office is closed at this time.

Please call Eva at the MCFN Head Office @ 705-254-2702 and dial 5 or email edabutch@missanabiecree.com to set up an appointment for pick-up.

COVID-19 Child Care Support



In these uncertain times, we know community members may still be required to work. We are offering assistance for childcare

child care providers can be family or close trusted friends.

For more information:

Contact– Missanabie Cree Family Services Team at:

(705)254-2702 Or email:

edabutch@missanabiecree.com

- Must be **currently working and required to continue working** during this COVID-19 pandemic
- A letter from your work will be required stating you are still working
- Proof of payment to child care provider is **REQUIRED**
- Based on child, not per household
- Missanabie Cree will assist with \$15 per day, per child during this COVID-19 pandemic
- Children must be between the ages 1 month-12 years old to be eligible
- Submit receipts to Family Services Supervisor



May Birthday Greetings



Happy Birthday!

Crystal L N
Jack SY

Happy Birthday



Marta H




Happy Birthday!

Angie T N

HAPPY 

BIRTHDAY!


Basilio P




Happy Birthday!

Scott N G
Bradley E N

Happy Birthday!



Janna H
Michael M



Happy Birthday!


Mark F
Judy Lynn H
Jutta H
Threasa N



Happy Birthday!

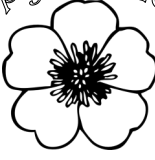
Nicole L

Happy Birthday!




Michael J W

Happy Birthday!



Sadie N



Happy Birthday!

Victoria St. A


Happy Birthday!



Jason F
Paula L F
Scott V N
Drew P

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Happy Birthday!



Leonidas B

Happy Birthday!




Constance E N
Shirley R

Happy Birthday



Crystal C
Karen M

Happy Birthday!



Louis B

Happy Birthday



Heather-Ann G

CONTACTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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www.missanabiecreefn.com

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Sault Ste. Marie, ON	Garden River, ON	Toll Free:	1-800-319-3001
P6A 2A3	P6A 6Z1	Fax:	705-254-3292

Missanabie Cree First Nation Chief & Council

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Councillor	Shawn Pine		spine@missanabiecree.com
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Missanabie Cree Family Services

705-254-2702

Temporary Location: 559 Queen St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 2A3

For all staff please remain on the line and leave message

Family Services Supervisor	Eva Dabutch	Dial 5	edabutch@missanabiecree.com
Reception	Jana Harris		jharris@missanabiecree.com
Family Well-being Worker	Vacant		
Choose Life Coordinator	Vacant		
Mental Health and addictions	Vacant		
Family Support Worker	Bonnie Wiebe		edabutch@missanabiecree.com

Missanabie Cree Business Corporation

705-949-6818

Location: 477 Queen Street East, Suite 200, (2nd floor), The Queens Center, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 1Z5

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Elders Council

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Jackie Fletcher	Kathy Beaudry	Kim Young	Diane Astle	Gloria Harris
Marion Nolan	Shirley Bain	Shelly Fletcher	Laura-Lee Rawlyk	Lori Rainville
Pamela Rew			Shirley Horn	Terri Lou Fletcher

Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC)

Kyle Bateson

Deb Ewing

Victoria Pezzo

VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy; a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people; a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs; a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people; a leadership that is directed by our people and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

September 20, 1998