

# Bear Fax

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Growth of Wing Feathers  
Moon  
August 2015



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Missanabie Cree First Nation

## Gathering Announcements

## Important News

Due to decreased funding and increased costs there **may be no caterer** at our Gathering this year. Therefore, in the event that there is no caterer, we will be trying to give families at least \$200 each to help offset food costs/groceries for the week. We will need your banking information in order to do this.

Families need to ensure that their Elders and children have food and snacks during the Gathering.

Families or groups that would like to make a meal for the fundraising committee are encouraged to do so. Please contact the office if you plan to do this.

Please note that there is no babysitting at the Gathering. There are some activities planned, but you must attend with your small child. Please do not just drop them off at activities.

Registration Forms and other information can be found at the back of the newsletter.

**Looking forward to seeing you all at the Gathering!**

## Events/Gatherings:

### Keewaywin Conference Nishnawbe Aski Nation AGA

August 11-13, 2015 Aroland First Nation, ON  
[www.nan.on.ca/upload/documents/comms-2015-06-26-nan-election.pdf](http://www.nan.on.ca/upload/documents/comms-2015-06-26-nan-election.pdf)

### 2015 Mushkegowuk Council General Election:

August 15, Moose Factory, ON  
[http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?page\\_id=2079](http://www.mushkegowuk.com/?page_id=2079)

### Scared Water Walk 2015

Started Jun 23 at Matane, QC  
Ending August 20 at Madeline Island, WI  
<http://www.waterwalkersunited.com/>

### 2015 Manito Ahbee Festival:

September 9, 13, Western Whiteshell Area, MB  
<http://www.manitoahbee.ca/home>

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## Message from the Chief

*Wachay,* The other day I contacted Pam Simpson from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development of Canada in regard to the occupancy and settlement on the Missanabie Cree fee-simple transferred lands. We discussed the opportunity to start building homes and infrastructure before the land has been added to reserve status.

The Federal position and our legal opinion both support the notion that no new medium to high infrastructure be constructed as it may trigger the need for an Environmental Assessment which will cause a very significant delay to the entire Additions to Reserve process. Examples of medium to high infrastructure are homes, gas stations, power stations, water treatment plant, etc. This was discussed with the Comprehensive Community Planning - Resettlement Committee on July 16th.

In July, administration staff and I met with Mike Fox of TransCanada and their advisor, Matt General from Maa-wandoon. We discussed the final TK (Traditional Knowledge) report for the Energy East Pipeline project. The Executive Assistant and Band Manager completed the Quarterly Report for TransCanada. The Executive Assistant and I have also been working to complete the changes needed to the final TK report for both Energy East and NextBridge.

The office received verbal permission from Grand Chief Martin to post the Ring of Fire Presentation on our website so all members can go over the same slideshow that was presented to Chief and Council.

During the Council of Chief's Teleconference we reviewed recommendations for changes to the Mushkegowuk budget. I would like to remind you that as of Tuesday, July 14th, 12 midnight, Grand Chief Lawrence Martin will not be available for the remainder of his term as Grand Chief as per the Election Code.

We are currently looking to build a closer Government to Government relationship with Michipicoten and Batchewana First Nation.



In regards to the Algoma Central Railway, as I am sure you have heard they are talking about shutting it down temporarily until they can find a company that is able to efficiently run the passenger service. The Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains has been looking for solutions to the recent issues facing the Sault to Hearst rail line.

Chief and Council are currently reviewing the Social Media Policy and will be ratifying the policy after amendments are made. This Policy will be posted on Facebook as well as our website, so that all members can view it. [www.missanabiecreefn.com](http://www.missanabiecreefn.com)

On July 20th some of the administrative staff and myself met with Peter Tarvudd to review the contract. We also discussed the possibility of leasing options in regards to the Castle Building. We went through the inventory list, and discussed remaining inventory.

Here are a few of our partners I would like to thank for their contributions towards the Gathering. I would like to thank Barrick Gold, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Prodigy Gold, Tembec, FedNor, NextBridge, and TransCanada.

I would like to wish Mathew and his family all the best as they make the cross country move to British Columbia.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Gathering this year.

*Jason Gauthier*

## From the Desk of:

### **BAND MANAGER**

*Good Day!* The Gathering is fast approaching; things are hectic in the office trying to make final arrangements so our families can be brought together this summer.

The Healing Lodge is progressing slowly; logs from Tembec are slowing us down as in availability in our area. Work has commenced and the area has been cleared and filled.

Programs that we have applied to are going smoothly. Education requests are being finalized and we are over budget in this area as many members are going to school, some for the second time, so weeding has to be implemented as per the requirements of INAC (AANDC).

IVC is starting to look like it should. Ty and Lisa are doing an excellent job. The students have gone up to fix the graveyard and help with little jobs around the camp that have to be done. I have made arrangements, in conjunction with Chapleau Cree, for the Chiefs to meet at Island View for the week of July 27th, 2015.

Met with Peter Tarvadd with Maple Leaf Homes to see where we will go from here as he is working out of Castle at a reduced rent as per arrangements made with the previous Chief and Council and Administration. He will

### **Communications Assistant**

*Watchay!* I hope everyone is having a great summer. I am filling in for James Nolan over the summer as he is on sick leave. This month I have been putting the majority of my time into this August's Bear Fax. Shadowing Elizabeth has taught me a lot about detail and quality when it comes to formatting our newsletter.

I have also been helping everybody around the office as the Gathering is just around the corner. This has helped me build office skills and has also shown me how things

supply us with a request for the future and then we will determine the avenue to go.

The final audited financials will be presented to Council on July 28/15 and then at the Gathering during August. Louise has worked very hard to comply with the AANDC requirements.

We've had to say goodbye to our Cultural Coordinator, Mathew Wesley as he is moving on to future endeavours. Thank you, Mathew for guidance and explanations regarding cultural awareness. I am so excited – arrangements have been made with Kunuwanimano to have their Cultural Coordinator come from Timmins to be present at our Gathering. Deb Clement will be making arrangements with her to do cultural teachings. Terry and Deb are working very hard on the Gathering arrangements to ensure everything goes as planned.

Our Chief is working very hard in getting donations from different respective businesses and the government to ensure we cover the cost of the Gathering.

Well that's all for now – see you at the Gathering!

*Cathy Clement*

work in our band office.

I would also like to take my time and say that I will miss our Cultural Coordinator Matthew Wesley. I have known Matthew for years and he has always had a laugh to share. Thank you for your kindness, Matt and I wish you the best!

I can't wait to see everybody at the Gathering!

*Michael Tremblay*

## From the Desk of:

### RECEPTIONIST

#### *Hi to all my friends, relatives and all my relations:*

My name is June (Fletcher) Markie, receptionist for Missanabie Cree First Nation.

On my first note I would like to say how much I will miss Matthew Wesley. I enjoyed working with him and he's a very awesome person. I wish him and his family all the luck in their new adventure moving out to B.C. Maybe someday he will return to the Sault. We will all miss you Matthew.

On another note, as of Aug. 15/15 I will have worked for Missanabie Cree for 20 years and I enjoyed every year I've been here. I love my job working with the public and talking to people on the phone. Sometimes it gets very hectic but that comes with the job.

With the Gathering just around the corner it's starting to get real busy in the office. Please if you need flight ar-

rangements done contact me asap and I will do my best to make you happy! Don't wait too long.

I would also like to mention that I was offered a project to start up a Healing Lodge which is coming along very well and I enjoy it. The Healing Lodge is contracted out to Mike Chiblow owner of Dream Makers Cabins and I'm very pleased with his commitment. I would like to see VOLUNTEERS be a part of putting together the Healing Lodge at the Gathering. There is a lot of healing we need to do in our First Nation and this would be the greatest opportunity to get involved.

I can't wait to see everyone at the Gathering.

In closing I would like to wish everyone safe travels.

*June Markie*

### LANDS AND RESOURCES ASSISTANT

#### *Greetings, Community Members!*

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far; before you know it will be back to school!

Well, I had the opportunity to travel to Missanabie to be a part of the ground breaking ceremony for the Healing Lodge. It was a beautiful morning for the ceremony even though we were outnumbered by the mosquitoes! I'm looking forward to working on the Lodge with all the other volunteers. It will be a great feeling to know I helped in the construction of our community Healing Lodge. I

am looking forward to the Gathering and seeing members take part in this adventure.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Cultural Coordinator, Matthew Wesley all the best in his new journey. It's been a pleasure working with you in my short time here. I will miss peeking through the door hinge crack to say good morning to you! J

Till then, I hope this finds you all in good spirits.

*Terri Nolan*

## *Elder looking for a Volunteer*

I would like someone to volunteer to drive my truck to Missanabie and back to the Soo.

Leave Aug.15 - Return Aug. 22, 2015

The driver has to be 25 or older, male or female.

Miigwetch, B.G. Fletcher

705-253-8418

## **Submit your Stories**

Community members are invited to submit news, stories, and pictures to the Bear Fax newsletter. Please submit your items by the 25th day of each month. Your news will be posted in the next month's newsletter.

Send your items by mail or fax to the Band Office, 705-254-3292 or by email to: [eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com](mailto:eangeconeb@missanabiecree.com)

# Call for Volunteers 1

Volunteers are needed for social and cultural activities, otherwise such activities will not occur and our families may be disappointed. There is a lot involved in putting on our Annual Gathering, and all help is appreciated.

## Activities for Children and Youth.

We are hoping to have various activities for the children. In order to do this we need adult volunteers from the community to supervise Kids' games such as scavenger hunt, volleyball, tag, capture the flag, soccer, or baseball. The youth have requested a volleyball tournament and we will need volunteers to run the tourney.

## Special Events

In the evening we are hoping to have a **Mr. And Ms. Missanabie Cree Contest** (For those 12 and older). We need volunteers to run this.

We need a facilitator for the **Caroline Bergeron Cribbage Tournament** and the **Under 12 Talent Show**.

It has been suggested that we have a **Washer Toss Tournament**, and if anyone is willing to bring their game up with them that would be appreciated. Just let us know at the office what you would like to do.

## Memorials

There will be time set aside in the agenda on Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 pm for those wishing to have a memorial for their deceased family members. Family members will be responsible for running the memorial and if they want to have their memorial at a different time, just be aware that there may be other activities running at the same time.

## Cultural Activities

Others who may be interested in our cultural activities can also volunteer during the day. We are planning:

- Elder's Teachings by Liz Babib from Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services
- Cultural Competency Workshop with Maya Chacaby
- Workshops on beading, medicine pouch making and rattle making.

People wanting to learn are encouraged to volunteer for the activities they are interested in, such as fire-keeping and sweat lodge building, and how a sweat lodge is run.

We really need people to learn and be willing to help, so we may do these activities without asking those outside our community for help in running these activities in the future. We know that there are people in our First Nation who carry these teachings, and we request that they help us in our cultural activities.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above activities as a volunteer, please contact the Events Coordinator, Terri Montgomery, at the Band Office, at ext. 234.

# Call for Volunteers 2

We are looking for members to do the following during the Gathering (August 15-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015).

**MC (Master of Ceremony)** We are looking for someone who can Emcee throughout the gathering during meetings and events. This would include introductions of speakers and guests, special announcements and changes in both the business and activities agenda. Must be comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people. Must have a positive attitude, speak positively about the First Nation, members and guests attending. Please note that there will be a Co-MC already selected to help during the week.



**Community Fireworks Volunteers** We are looking for a few members to volunteer to be in charge of the firework show this year. You will be responsible for purchasing, transporting, setting up, setting off and cleanup after the event is over. Must be over the age of 18 to help set fireworks off. Funding is limited for this event, so please attach an estimated cost for the fireworks.

**Manitou Mountain Tour Guide** We are looking for members that may have a Pontoon Boat, and would be interested in giving a Manitou Mountain Tour for the Elders during the Gathering. The tour is geared towards the Elders and anyone else that could be accommodated for the tour. Must have a valid Boat License, and be familiar with the lake. Please forward a brief description of what you would charge hourly and estimated fuel costs to Manitou Mountain and back to Island View Camp.

**Sacred Firekeeper** We are looking for someone that knows the traditional firekeeping practices, and has the ability to keep the fire going throughout the Gathering. This individual will be responsible for forming a team of firekeepers to ensure that the fire stays lit for the whole Gathering. This individual will also be responsible for giving their firekeepers honorariums from the honorarium given by the Band for this task. Please let us know what honorarium would be reasonable for this activity, keeping in mind that we are on a very limited budget.

**Sweat Conductor** We are looking for someone to set up and conduct sweats during our Gathering. This individual has to be knowledgeable in how a sweat is set-up and conducted, and be experienced in leading a sweat. If interested, please let us know what a reasonable honorarium would be for this service to the community, keeping in mind that we are on a very limited budget. If helpers are needed, any honorariums for them must be given from the conductor's honorarium.

**Please respond by August 4, 2015** for an equal opportunity to volunteer for these events we are planning for this year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself or Deb Clement at the office via telephone or email.

Chi-Miigwetch and we're looking forward to seeing you at our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering.  
Miigwech,

Events Coordinator, *Terri Montgomery*      Gathering Coordinator, *Deb Clement*

(705) 254-2702    1-800-319-3001



### CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN A PLANNING SESSION

Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services (KCFS) will be developing its Strategic Plan with the intention of identifying community needs and enhancing programs and services.

The planning will take place at Cedar Meadows Resort from August 24, 2015 until noon, August 25, 2015.

KCFS will cover travel costs for three (3) participants and make the necessary travel arrangements. KCFS would like a cross section of individuals, an Elder, youth and a Councillor from each community.

If you are interested in participating, please forward a letter and your resume to:

Band Manager Cathy Clement at [cclement@missanabiecree.com](mailto:cclement@missanabiecree.com)

or by mail: 174B HWY 17B, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1 or fax: 705-254-3292

A decision will be made by MCFN Chief and Council by August 10.

# Elders Speak

## ...About Their Grandchildren

My granddaughter, Madison wrote this essay, and I wanted to share it with our First Nation. I thought she expressed her understanding of what happened to Aboriginal peoples in this country very well.

My grandson, Logan, is a wonderful artist who can free draw with a pen.

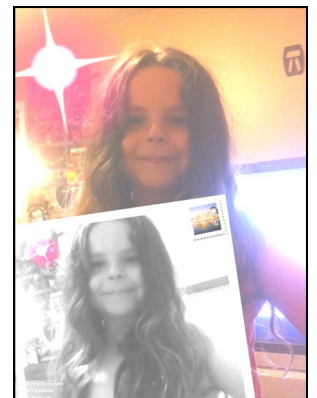
*Jackie Fletcher*

05/25/2015  
 Madison

If I were a First Nations child, I would feel angry/worried. First, when the early settlers came and settled on the land, they claimed Canada to belong to them. Not the First Nations. Second, when the early settlers came over to the new land they exposed the First Nations to diseases that they had never seen before. As a fact many First Nations people died. Then, First Nations spiritual beliefs are tied close to the environment and nature around them. They believed that they were responsible for keeping nature protected. However, when the settlers came around they cut down lots of trees and built roads. Lastly, the early settlers were not nice to the First Nations they treated them badly because they believed they were better than the First Nations people they were mean because they had a different skin colour.



Logan Fletcher, 9



Madison Fletcher, 8

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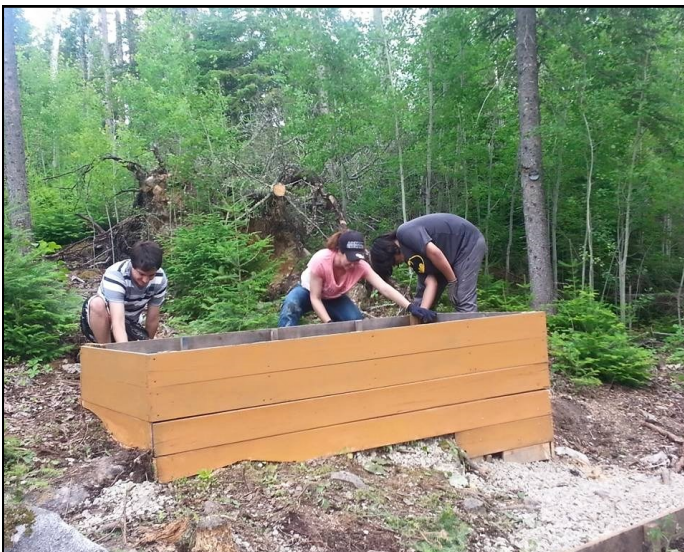
# Community News and Notes



Left: Robert Pine Middle: Cassandra Gauthier  
Right: Louis Gagnon



**Our summer students  
working hard and  
lending a helping hand.**



*Working hard, helping build garden beds and painting picnic tables..*





## Community News and Notes

*Calling on all Missanabie Cree young adults  
25 and under!*

# **LOGO CONTEST**

*for*  
**Missanabie Cree Business Corporation**  
*Letterhead*

*Be creative, resourceful, original, just have fun!*

*Deadline for submission is: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
(The winner of the contest will agree to give copyright to MCFN)*

*Prize in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to the  
best submission chosen*

# GOOD LUCK!

*Any further questions please contact:*

*Janet Esquimaux, CEDO*

*1-800-319-3001 Ext. 237*

# NAN News



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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## NEWS RELEASE

Tuesday July 14, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION ANNOUNCED**

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Electoral Officer Larry Amos has received and approved nomination papers from the following persons for the position of Grand Chief (1) and Deputy Grand Chief (3) for the August 2015 election for the Executive Council of Nishnawbe Aski Nation:

#### Candidates for Grand Chief:

- Alvin Fiddler
- Les Louttit
- Harvey Yesno

#### Candidates for Deputy Grand Chief:

- Anna Betty Achneepineskum
- Darius Ferris
- Dave Flood
- Derek Fox
- Goyce Kakegamic
- Rex Knapaysweet
- Mike Metatawabin
- Walter Naveau
- Theresa Spence
- Terry Waboose

Chiefs and proxies from NAN's 49 First Nations will vote for members of the Executive Council on August 12, 2015 during the XXXIV Keewaywin Conference in Aroland First Nation (August 11-13, 2015). Elections are held in accordance with the NAN Election Code, which states that a candidate must obtain 50 per cent plus one of the votes cast to be elected.

The official campaign period runs from July 14, 2015 to August 12, 2015

According to the NAN Election Code an eligible candidate must be:

1. A status Indian.
2. A member of a recognized NAN First Nation.
3. 18 years of age at the time of the election.

Information of the election process, Election Code, and any information provided by candidates including their biographies and campaign contact information will be available on the NAN election website at [www.nanelection.ca](http://www.nanelection.ca).

The election will be streamed live and available to view on the NAN election website.

**Please note:** Media must to contact candidates directly to arrange interviews as NAN policy does not allow staff to assist candidates in their campaign work.

**For more information about the Nishnawbe Aski Nation election please contact:** Larry Amos, Electoral Officer – (204) 330-3654 or by email [larry.amos@hotmail.com](mailto:larry.amos@hotmail.com)

**For more information about Nishnawbe Aski Nation please contact:** Roxann Shapwaykeesic, Communications Officer – Nishnawbe Aski Nation (807) 625-4906 or (807) 251-6876 mobile or by email [rshapwaykeesic@nan.on.ca](mailto:rshapwaykeesic@nan.on.ca)

## News Items

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services is being hosted by Matachewan First Nation on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Matachewan First Nation Community Centre.

Lunch will be provided.

For more information, please contact Marlene Innes at (705) 268-9033 or (800) 461-1293.

Members of the corporation will receive and consider:

- Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting
- Audited Financial Statements



# Muskegowuk Council News



## Logo Contest

**\$1000 Prize**

**Submission Deadline:**

**Business Name:** Mikanak Ministic (Turtle Island)

**Description of what we do:**

The Mushkegowuk GIS Centre is creating its own brand and are looking for a unique logo to match our new name... Mikanak Ministik.

We are a fee-for-service provider of GIS (Geographic Information System) services. We provide support to Mushkegowuk First Nations, Ontario First Nations and the general public and business at large.

GIS (Geographic Information System) software is designed to capture, manage, analyze, and display all forms of geographically referenced information. GIS allows you to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize our world in ways that reveals relationships, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, reports, and charts. GIS helps you to answer questions and solve problems by looking at your data in a way that is quickly understood and easily shared on a map.

Some of the services we offer include:

- Information Management
- Data Collection, Input and Data Conversion
- TEK Survey and Collection Design and Mapping
- Customized Training (ArcGIS, GPS)
- Technical Support
- Map Services: Cartographic Layout and Design, Production and Printing

**DEADLINE**

postmarked by  
**July 31, 2015**

**The logo should communicate any of these:**

- land, the earth
- data, information
- turtle, island

**Target audience:**

- Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal business and customers

**Requirements**

- Original artwork and contest form need to be submitted together
- Artwork can be no larger than 12"x12"
- Consideration must be given that the logo will be reproduced anywhere from 2"x2" up to 24"x24"

# Muskegowuk Council News

## “The Real Agreement As Orally Agreed To”

THE JAMES BAY TREATY - TREATY NO. 9



**By accepting the Four Dollars (\$4.00) each year, we honour our Grandfathers who negotiated the Real Treaty or Agreement.**



Ontario's Treaty Commissioner - Daniel George MacMartin's Diary

### WHY DO WE ACCEPT FOUR DOLLARS EVERY YEAR?

It's that time of year again when we are called to receive “Treaty Payments.” Maybe we shouldn't call them treaty payments. We could call them Oral Agreement Payments, or Annual Gifts from the King Edward VII. Why do we get this money? Should we accept it?

#### Q: IS IT PAYMENT FOR GIVING UP OUR LAND, WATER AND RESOURCES?

A: No. Our grandfathers never agreed to “cede, release, surrender and yield up forever” our “rights, titles and privileges whatsoever, to the lands” described in the document that is often confused with our treaty. We never surrendered our aboriginal title or our inherent aboriginal rights.

#### Q: IS IT PAYMENT FOR THE LANDS THAT WERE “TAKEN UP”?

A: No. Our grandfathers never agreed that their hunting, trapping and fishing was “subject to such regulations as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country acting under the authority of His Majesty ... saving and excepting such tracts as may be required or taken up from time to time for settlement, mining, lumbering, trading or other purposes,” as stated in the document that is often confused with our treaty. Our grandfathers never agreed to any restrictions on our hunting, trapping or fishing. Our grandfathers never agreed to any restrictions on our use of our lands and waters and resources. These are our inherent rights, passed down to us from generation to generation, ever since we started living on this land.

#### Q: DIDN'T THEY SIGN THAT DOCUMENT?

A: Our grandfathers signed to show their agreement with what was interpreted and explained to them, orally. Our grandfathers were not told what was written in the document that is often confused with our treaty, and we have never agreed with that document.

#### Q: WAS HUNTING EVEN MENTIONED?

A: The treaty commissioners told our grandfathers that we would still hunt, trap and fish like we always did: on our lands and waters, governing ourselves and teaching our children. No one else can use our land without our consent.



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## Q: WHY DO WE GET FOUR DOLLARS THEN?

A: In 1905 and 1906 the treaty commissioners told our grandfathers that they were sent by the King, and the King wanted them to be happy and prosperous. To show his good intentions, the King gave our Grandfathers - every man, woman and child – eight dollars, then four dollars every year afterwards, forever. The way it was explained, there were no strings attached.

## Q: WHY DID THEY AGREE?

A: Our grandfathers agreed because of Cree values. When someone gives us something for free, it is respectful to accept it. The bigger the gift, the bigger the obligation to accept it. In those days, \$4 was worth maybe \$500 in today's money. Prices were very low in those days, compared to today. It doesn't seem like much today because of inflation.

## Q: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES US THIS MONEY, RIGHT?

A: Yes, but then they send an invoice to the Ontario government. The money comes from Ontario.

## Q: WHY DOES ONTARIO PAY THE MONEY?

A: Until the late Grand Chief Stan Louttit started explaining how the agreement was explained to our grandfathers, orally, maybe Ontario thought the land and water and resources belonged to them. Maybe they are starting to realize that it doesn't.

## Q: DID OUR GRANDFATHERS AGREE TO SHARE THE LAND?

A: For hundreds of years our people shared the land, water and resources. We always agreed to a modest sharing – if we were asked – as long as it enhanced our wellbeing (spiritually, culturally, materially) and didn't interfere or threaten our way of life. In 1905 and 1906 our grandfathers were not asked to share.

## Q: WHY DOES \$4.00 FEEL LIKE AN ANNUAL INSULT?

A: Inflation means that \$4.00 is not worth very much today, but it's not supposed to be a lot of money. It's supposed to remind us what our grandfathers were promised in 1905 and 1906: no one can use the lands and waters and resources of the Iliiwuk and Ininiwuk ... without our consent, and without compensation that we say is fair.

## Q: WILL IT ALWAYS BE \$4.00?

A: Maybe one day Canada and Ontario will sit down with us and negotiate a modern treaty that builds on the promises of 1905 and 1906.

## Q: SHOULD WE ACCEPT THE \$4.00?

A: For us Crees, it's always up to the individual. Some people think, "We shouldn't accept the \$4.00 because the government will think, "They accept the money, so they accept the written agreement that was signed." Other people say, "It doesn't matter what the government thinks, because they're wrong. We know that the oral agreement included gifts with no strings attached. The \$4.00 reminds us of the spirit and intent of what the late Grand Chief Stan Louttit called 'The real agreement as orally agreed to.'"



Muskegowuk



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Missanabi Cree  
First Nation



Kashechewan  
First Nation



Chapleau Cree



# Muskegowuk Council News



## MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL – GENERAL ELECTION 2015

“REVISED” OFFICIAL NOMINATION REPORT

### For the Office of the Grand Chief

Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
CHEECHOO, Gilbert Jr.	Michel (Mike) J. Koostachin	Eric Cheechoo
MARTIN, Lawrence	Edmond Edwards	Rebecca Friday Jr.
METATAWABIN, Terry	Andrew Solomon	Stan Wesley
REUBEN, Andrew Z.	Ernest Rickard	Stan Louttit
SOLOMON, Jonathon	James A. Wesley	Jean C. Wesley
SUTHERLAND, Roderick W.	David J.B. Wesley	Derek Stephen

### For the Office of the Deputy Grand Chief

Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
EDWARDS, Brent	Michael Knapaysweet	George Gillies
FRIDAY, Rebecca	Jackie Fletcher	Valentino Kamalatisit
HALL, Theresa	Helen Wheesk	Ruby Edwards-Wheesk
OKIMAW, Michael (Meenish)	Gerald Mattinas	Roy Wynne

Dated: July 22, 2015

Sherry A. Mattinas, Chief Electoral Officer




MCFN Members vote in Missanabie, ON at the Island View Camp  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 9 am to 9 pm



# August Birthday Greetings

AUGUST 2

Happy Birthday!



Jason Shelswell  
Juliana Wesley

AUGUST 3


Happy Birthday!



Caroline Legacy

AUGUST 6

Happy Birthday!



Norma Lacroix

AUGUST 7

Happy Birthday!



Iris Jeffries

AUGUST 8

Happy Birthday!



Jeffrey Fletcher  
Carol Jeffries

AUGUST 9


Happy Birthday!



Rebecca Johnson

AUGUST 10


Happy Birthday!



Deborah Clement  
Neil Golden  
Kathryn Jeremiah  
Kim Rainville

AUGUST 12


Happy Birthday!



Melissa Boileau  
William Louttit  
Sage McLeod  
Alysia Souliere

AUGUST 13


Happy BIRTHDAY!



Deborah Ewing

AUGUST 14


Happy Birthday



Leo Bergeron

AUGUST 15


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Raymond Kooses

AUGUST 17


Happy Birthday



Audrey Bateson

AUGUST 18

Happy Birthday!



John McLeod  
Dwight McDonald

AUGUST 19

Happy Birthday!



Margaret Bergeron

AUGUST 23


Happy Birthday!



Jordan Fletcher

AUGUST 24


Happy Birthday!



Gregory Fletcher  
Lesley Gagnon

AUGUST 25


Happy Birthday



Craig Pelletier  
Daniel Rocheleau

AUGUST 26

Happy Birthday



Mary Ann Ross


AUGUST 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jordin Fletcher  
Bradley MacDonald  
Marie Nolan  
Dave K. Ouellet

AUGUST 28


Happy Birthday!



Martin Grant

AUGUST 30


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sherri-Lynn Astle  
John Nemeth

AUGUST 31

Happy Birthday!



Daniel Nolan

# MCFN Events Calendar

AUGUST 2015

SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>Pasko Peesim</b> Growth of Wing Feathers Moon						1
2	3 Civic Holiday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Elders Tea @ Noon Band Office	13	14	15
16	17	18	<b>MCFN Annual Gathering 2014</b> August 15- 22, 2014 Missanabie, ON		21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Elders Tea @ Noon Band Office	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	 <b>A o paoo Peesim</b> Birds start to fly Moon		



# Health Notes



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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100 Back Street, Unit 200 Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1L2  
Tel: (807) 623-8228 Fax: (807) 623-7730

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Nishnawbe Aski Nation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapple Building  
101 N. Syndicate Avenue • Thunder Bay, ON

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a two-day course that teaches participants how to help someone who is showing signs of a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Substance use disorders
- Mood disorders
- Anxiety disorders
- Psychotic disorders

### CRISIS FIRST AID SKILLS IN

- Substance overdose
- Suicidal behaviour
- Panic attack
- Acute stress reaction
- Psychotic episode

### Workshop Dates

- June 24 & 25
- July 29 & 30
- August 26 & 27

**Registration Deadlines: one week prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day of workshops**

For more information please contact:  
Courtney Mamakeesic, Training Officer at  
(807)-625-4921



# Employment Opportunities



## **First Nations Constable North Caribou Lake Police Weagamow Lake, Ontario**

North Caribou Lake First Nation is currently accepting applications for the position of First Nations Constable. North Caribou Lake Police is administered by the OPP Aboriginal Policing Bureau while operations are supported and supervised by the Sioux Lookout OPP detachment.

North Caribou Lake First Nation is located on the north shore of Weagamow Lake. It is approximately 320 km miles north of Sioux Lookout.

### **ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Grade 12 with Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma or equivalent
- Valid drivers licence in good standing
- 19 years of age or older
- No criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted
- Be of good moral character and habits
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Must be self-disciplined, motivated and community-oriented
- Must meet health and psychological standards.
- Must meet vision, hearing and physical standards
- Must have an up to date First Aid/CPR Certificate

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Currently active as a First Nations Constable, Ontario Provincial Police, RCMP or Municipal Officer.
- Knowledge and understanding of aboriginal culture
- Diploma graduate of an accredited law and security program
- Other post-secondary studies in law and justice or native studies
- Experience working with young people in promoting healthy lifestyle choices

### **MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION:**

- Cover letter/resume
- Copy of Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent
- Copy of any other applicable educational post-secondary studies diplomas
- Copy of driver's licence and certificate of birth
- Three recent work related references (names and contact information)
- If applicable, receipt of a diploma from the Ontario Police College or equivalent

**DEADLINE: Friday, August 7th, 2015 at 1600 hrs.** Late applications will not be accepted. Only those candidates selected for further testing will be contacted.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Kevin YOUNG at (807) 737-2020.

Applications must be submitted by e-mail only to: [Kevin.Young@OPP.ca](mailto:Kevin.Young@OPP.ca)

# Employment Opportunities

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ASSISTANT (TWO-YEAR INTERNSHIP)

The Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a motivated individual to undertake a two-year **INTERNSHIP** as an office assistant to the Economic Development Officer (EDO). The successful candidate will work directly under the supervision of the EDO to assist in all aspects of the Economic Development Department.

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### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The assistant will provide administration assistance to the Economic Development Officer in the preparation of all department reports, applications, and special project proposals.
- The assistant will assist the EDO with business planning, community consultation, promoting entrepreneurship, research, and working on projects pertaining to economic development for WRFN
- The assistant will provide administrative assistance to the Whitefish River Development Corporation including scheduling meetings, minutes, logistics, and follow up actions.
- The assistant will aid with initial client intakes of Community Members, Business Owners or potential new clients with respect to economic development or employment & training opportunities.
- Assist with implementing the economic development strategy for WRFN.
- Prepare and maintain the employment resource room as 'user friendly' set-up, workshops, and have it accessible to clients (band members) to access job searches, fill out employment forms, etc.
- The assistant will greet and direct visitors, answer phone/fax messages, and electronic inquiries; in an effort to facilitate and co-ordinate to enhance the operations of the Economic Development Department and or Administration Office.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post secondary diploma in business administration OR equivalent diploma related to business studies.
- Comprehensive computer software knowledge including word, excel, power point, etc.
- Must have excellent organizational skills.
- Must have excellent interpersonal/communication skills both written and oral (ability to speak the Ojibway language will be considered an asset).
- Must be able to work in a multi-tasked environment.
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle.
- Must be a graduate within the last three years (2012- 2015) and under the age of 35 years.  
(Funding criteria under the FEDNOR Internship Program).

Tentative Start Date: September 1st, 2015 - Tentative Completion Date: August 31, 2017

*Please forward your cover letter, resume and three (3) letters of work related references to the attention of:*

**Nishin Meawasige, Band Manager  
Whitefish River First Nation Administration Office  
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0**

**All applications must be received by August 14th, 2015 no later than 12:00 pm, at the above address.**

*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*



## MCFN Membership

**Our mailing list** for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

**Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members.** A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

**Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.**

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

Miigwech., Ted Ouellet



### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

SURNAME	
First Name and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

## CONTACT AND OTHER INFORMATION

### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

174B HWY 17B  
Garden River, ON  
P6A 6Z1

SATELLITE OFFICE:  
559 Queen St. E  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2A3

Phone: 705-254-2702  
Toll Free: 1-800-319-3001  
Fax: 705-254-3292  
www.missanabiecree.com

### MCFN Chief & Council

**Jason Gauthier, Chief**, ex. 231  
jgauthier@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Cory McLeod**  
cmcleod@missanabiecree.com

**Laura Lee Rawlyk**, Elder Liaison  
lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com

**Victoria Pezzo, Deputy Chief**, ex.504  
vpezzo@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Les Nolan**  
lnolan@missanabiecree.com

**Neil Ewing**, Youth Representative  
newing@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Bobbi Fletcher-Decorte**  
bfletcher-decorte@missanabiecree.com

**Councilor Isabell Souliere**, ex. 505  
isouliere@missanabiecree.com

### MCFN Staff

**Band Manager** Cathy Clement **ex. 222**

ccllement@missanabiecree.com

**Bookkeeper** Louise Campbell **ex. 224**

lcampbell@missanabiecree.com

**Reception** June Markie **ex. 221**

jmarkie@missanabiecree.com

**Program Development** Lesley Gagnon **ex. 226**

lgagnon@missanabiecree.com

**Administrative Assistant** Shereena Campbell **ex. 235**

scampbell@missanabiecree.com

**Registration Administrator** Ted Ouellet **ex. 228**

touellet@missanabiecree.com

**Post-Secondary Officer** Deb Clement **ex. 227**

dclement@missanabiecree.com

**Governance Coordinator** Elizabeth Angecone **ex. 230**

eangecone@missanabiecree.com

**Community Economic Development Officer** Janet Esquimaux **ex.237**

jesquimaux@missanabiecree.com

**Communications Assistant** Michael Tremblay **ex.223**

mtremblay@missanabiecree.com

**Land & Resources Assistant** Terri Nolan **ex.229**

tnolan@missanabiecree.com

**Events Coordinator** Terri Montgomery **ex. 234**

eventscordinator@missanabiecree.com

### ELDERS COUNCIL

Diane Astle	Fran Luther
Audrey Bateson	Cheryl Macumber
Margaret Bergeron	Archie Nolan
Cathy Clement	Carol Nolan
Broderick Fletcher	Marion Nolan
Darcy Fletcher	Ted Nolan
Jackie Fletcher	Jo Ann Pezzo
Gloria Harris	Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Chair)
Shirley Horn	Faye Wesley

### COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE (CCPSC)

Neil Ewing (Youth Representative)	Broderick (BG) Fletcher
Glad Fletcher-Hawkins	Shirley Horn
Jackie Fletcher	JoAnn Pezzo
Terri Lou Fletcher	Isabell Souliere (Councilor)

### GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC)

Kyle Bateson	Jackie Fletcher
Debbie Ewing	Terri Lou Fletcher

### MCDC BOARD

Cathy Clement	Cheryl Macumber
Dave Easton	Carol Nolan
BG Fletcher	Marion Nolan
Gloria Harris	JoAnn Pezzo
Shirley Horn	

## 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.

August 20, 1998



**MISSANABIE CREE COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATION REGISTRATION FORM**

*August 15, 2015 to August 22, 2015  
Island View Camp, Missanabie, Ontario*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Information:  
Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transit# \_\_\_\_\_  
Account# \_\_\_\_\_  
  
email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list children, spouse/partner  
For activity and statistical purposes we require ages of children only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band # \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Band# \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be traveling to the gathering?

\_\_\_\_\_ own vehicle  
\_\_\_\_\_ Greyhound Bus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chartered Bus  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plane  
\_\_\_\_\_ Train  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please provide details)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:

\_\_\_\_\_ IVC Cabin  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Trailers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ernie's Tent Site  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bunk Houses  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tent (own)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tent (need)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trailer/camper (own)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree that once monies have been received or travel arrangements have been booked, I must attend the community consultations (gathering). If for any reason I do not attend the gathering, I will pay back the money/air/bus/train tickets owing. If monies are not returned, I understand that I will not be eligible for traveling funds until I pay the funds back or travel to any future gathering with those funds allotted to me. Only a doctor's slip will be accepted for any cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pre-gathering registration)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(50% upon arrival at registration desk, this will verify your attendance to Missanabie Gathering)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Final 50% on August 21, 2015)

Only to be used if an emergency occurs (Forms will be kept confidential)

HEALTH FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card # \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency

Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies (food allergies)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any illnesses

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a partial plate?            Yes            No

Do you wear glasses?                Yes            No

Do you wear contacts?                Yes            No

Please fax, mail or email forms to:

Fax: 705-254-3292

Email: [cclement@missanabiecree.com](mailto:cclement@missanabiecree.com)

Missanabie Cree First Nation

174B Hwy 17E

Garden River, ON

P6A 6Z1

Any questions please call 1-800-319-3001

**Date of arrival:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of departure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make of vehicle:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Licence Plate:** \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY***

***\*IMPORTANT CHANGES TO GATHERING REGISTRATION\****

**Travel:** Travel dollars are for members driving their own vehicle to Missanabie or Sault Ste. Marie. Fifty (50%) percent of travel funds issued on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2015– date of arrival and the balance on August 21, 2015 – date of departure. Travel will be calculated on the most economic and practical mode of transportation. Kilometers will be calculated using Google Maps Canada and will be the shortest route available.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM SAULT STE. MARIE TO MISSANABIE WILL BE PROVIDED. BUS FROM SAULT STE. MARIE DEPARTS ON AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON FROM THE HOLIDAY INN. BUS DEPARTS FROM MISSANABIE ON AUGUST 22<sup>RD</sup> AROUND 9:00 A.M. BUS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**Flight Arrangements:** Once flights are booked, we will not be responsible for any changes. Any changes to flight arrangements will be the responsibility of the member, as well as any applicable charges, due to flight changes.

**Accommodations:** Due to limited accommodations, please make every effort to bring your own tent or trailer. We do have some tents that are available for those that cannot bring a tent. We will provide mattresses and sleeping bags if needed. Preference will be given to Elders, disabled, members with serious health problems and families with babies. Please be prepared to share your accommodations with others. We will do the best to accommodate everyone.

***(Members of MCFN include registered member, spouse, children, and grandchildren) Non-band members will be required to pay RV and trailer fees. (\$140.00 for the week)***

**Meals:** Breakfasts, lunches, and suppers will be provided throughout the gathering. Meals begin with supper on Sunday, August 16, 2015 and end with a continental breakfast on Saturday, August 22, 2015. **Please note that a daily fee (30.00) for food will apply to guests and friends that attend our gathering.**

***\*\* Please note that morning and afternoon snacks will be provided for elders and diabetics only.***

**Deadlines:**

***To get the best prices for flights we require members requesting to travel by plane to register no later than July 23, 2015. No exceptions will be made.***

**All other modes of transportation deadline to register are August 5, 2015.**

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AN DRUG FREE GATHERING  
ZERO TOLERANCE