

EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

MNCFN Speaks Out Against

Bullying During Moving Presentation



Left to right: Karen Campbell, Janie Jamieson, Julie Barnes, Carol Todd, Andrew Bear and Kari Ivany at the community presentation.



The parents of two young girls who died by suicide due to bullying told their heartbreaking stories during an emotional anti-bullying presentation held at the MNCFN Community Centre on November 10th.

Julie Barnes, a Mississaugas of the Vision Statement in Ojibwe: New Credit First Nation member, spoke publically for the first time about the heartbreak her teenage daughter endured before she died by suicide and how the heartbreak has impacted her family's life forever.

Barnes told the story of a young girl who was the apple of her mother's eye. Her teenage daughter was a student at Cayuga Secondary School and was living at home with her mom when she died.

The overarching theme of the bullying the girl endured was racism. She was bullied for being Indigenous. And she died by suicide because of it.

"She was a very happy child," Barnes told the roughly 100 people who came out to the evening presentation.

Tears filled the room as she told her daughter's story. She loved going to school until grade 4. She was made fun of for the clothes she wore.

She only wanted to wear namebrand clothing after that, her mom said. Things got progressively worse.

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Ezhi niigaan waabjigaayewaad Mississaugas New Credit endaawaad (the vision of these people). Ezhip mino maadzijig (living a joyful life), ezhi waamji-gaazwaad (their identity, how people have identified them), ezhi debwedmowaad (their beliefs), ezhi mimiingaazwaad (what was given to them by Creation, what they always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).

Translated by: Nimkew Niinis, N'biising First Nation.

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Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Katherine Morrisseau-Sinclair, Justice Murray Sinclair, Councillor Casey Jonathan, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson and Councillor Cathie Jamieson at a Truth and Reconciliation event commemmorating Chanie Wenjack.





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Message From Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Aanii,

It's been a year since MNCFN's new Council was elected and I believe we are leading our First Nation in a positive direction - a direction that will be formalized in our strategic plan once member input is incorporated.

As we gain recognition as stewards of these lands, we gain influence which we can use for the betterment of others. Our support for Standing Rock is one example of this influence. I was honoured to speak to over 4000 people at Queen's Park this month at a rally in support of Standing Rock. A video of my speech is available on our website. The strength and commitment of Indigenous people and our allies at the rally was deeply moving and truly inspiring. MNCFN Council has also contributed to a donation to Standing Rock on behalf of the Mississaugas Nation.

Major league sports have also made steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples this month. Members of council and I were on hand to represent MNCFN at the Toronto Maple Leafs game on November 1st. The Leafs paid tribute to the work Gord Downie has done in regards to reconciliation through The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. Later this month, I will also be part of the ceremony welcoming the Grey Cup to MNCFN Territory.

I would like to offer, on behalf of Chief and Council, our thanks to all the Mississaugas Members and Council Members who work so hard with all the educational institutions within our lands. It was a pleasure to welcome the Peel District School Board leadership team to our community this month and we hope to continue to build relationships with educators across our lands.

We are working closely with a number of universities and colleges and are preparing to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with one university while preparing the background work for another. The MOU will define the friendship that we have established and



spoke in support of Standing Rock during a rally at Queen's Park November

will outline a guideline for collaboration. I have also met with the Maple League of Universities, a collection of four universities who work as a collective: the University of Toronto - Scarborough, Crestwood College, Centennial College, and Wilfrid Laurier University.

In Ottawa this month, I met with Joe Wild, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to discuss the potential of opening an exploratory discussion table with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation that would help to address the outstanding claims and unfinished treaty business between Canada and MNCFN.

Remembrance Day was held in front of the Veterans Monument, which is located in front of the grove. It is held here each year and is simply a beautiful event. I would like to thank former Chief Bryan LaForme for being the MC for the event. Special thanks to Dale Sault who joined us to sing the national anthems, Nicole La-Forme-Hess for coordinating the event, our membership who attended, and of course, our veterans and warriors.

Miigwetch, **Chief R. Stacey Laforme**

CULTURE & HISTORY

Let's Learn Anishinaabemowin:

Winter words...

White - Waabishka [WAB-BEESH-KA]

Snow - Goon [GOON]

Snowshoes – Agimag [AH-KIM-AG]

Winter - Biboon [PI-BOON]

Cold – Gisina [KEY-SIN-AH]

Icicle – Mikwam [MICK-WAM]

Frostbite – Mashkawaakwaji [MUSH-KA-WOK-WAJEE]

Mittens – Minjikaawan [MENJIG-KAA-WON]

Freezing – Mashkaawadin [MUSH-KA-WHOA-DIN]

Shiver – Ninaangaaj [KNEE-NONE-GAAJ]

Branches - Atigoon [AH-TICK-ON]

Jacket – Biinzikawaagan [BEEN-ZIK-AH-WAA-GUN]

Scarf – Giizhoopizon [KEY-SOUP-E-ZONE]

Translation provided by Tena Sault

Historical Tidbit

The month of December is usually a month most people look forward too because of the joyous Christmas celebrations and the imminent arrival of a New Year, but for New Credit in 1914, it was a time of great anxiety.

December of that year saw the people of New Credit in the midst of a Small Pox epidemic. Dr. Macdonald, the band medical officer from Hagersville, warned the people of New Credit to avoid holding public meetings and to stay away from Six Nations where the epidemic was also raging.

Chief George King was in charge of ensuring that the afflicted people were quarantined and that during the time of their confinement they had enough supplies in their households to keep body and soul together. A grateful Council voted to give King a payment of \$42 for his untiring work to help the afflicted and stop the spread of the disease. Members of New Credit blamed a non-band member living on the reserve, Andrew Schuler, for starting the outbreak in their community. Schuler, in the midst of the epidemic, was later arrested by Samuel Laforme for ignoring the quarantine orders that placed him in confinement.

For his disregard of the quarantine orders, and for possibly starting the epidemic, Schuler was branded an undesirable person living at New Credit and was removed from the reserve at the order of Chief and Council.



POLITICS & GOVERNANCE

November Political Gatherings

Chief and Council regularly participate in meetings and other gatherings to further MNCFN objectives. Below is a list of meetings that members of council have attended from November 1st to November 18th.

AFN Housing & Infrastructure Mtg. Nov. 1-Nov. 3 VKJ

Toronto City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee Nov. 3 ES

Thank-A-Vet Luncheon Nov. 5 MS, VKJ

COO Forum on Health Nov. 6-8 ES

Invictus Mtg. Nov. 7 ES

Infrastructure & Development Council Nov. 7 MS,CLJ, VKJ, CJA, RSL, SL

Systems Mapping Workshop Nov. 8-9 MS, CLJ

Massey College Nov. 9 VKJ

Wealth Creation Nov. 10 MS, CLJ, VKJ, CJA, ES, SL Negotiations Team Mtg. Nov. 10-11 CLJ, CJA

Major Events Committee Nov. 10 CLJ,VKJ, ES

MRP Mtg. Nov. 11 MS, VKJ, CJA, SL

Election Code Mtg. Nov. 11 MS, VKJ, RSL, SL, CJA

Education and Social Services Council Nov. 14 MS, VKJ, CJA, ES, RSL, SL, EF

INAC Funding Mtg. Nov. 15 VKJ, EF

Heritage Mississauga Nov. 15 CJA

Region of Peel Educators Meeting Nov. 16 VKJ, CJA, ES

Lecture Series w/Bob Rae Nov. 16 VKJ



Councillors Erma Ferrell and Veronica King-Jamieson at an INAC funding meeting.



Historical Gathering Planning Committee Nov. 16 MS

West Haldimand General Hospital Patient & Family Centred Care Advisory Council Meeting Nov. 16 MS, CJA

Ganohkwasra Board of forme Directors CLJ -Nov. 16 Jonath MS CJA -

Carillion Canada Nov. 17 CIA, ES

Customary Care Mtg. Nov. 17 CJA, ES

Economic Development Nov. 17 CLJ Social & Health/Education, Emergency Mtg. Nov. 17 VKJ, CJA

Brantford FACS Nov. 17 VKJ

LEGEND

RSL - Chief R. Stacey Laforme CLJ - Councillor Casey Jonathan CJA - Councillor Cathie Jamieson EF - Councillor Erma Ferrell ES - Councillor Evan Sault MS - Councillor Margaret Sault SL - Councillor Stephi L. LaForme VKJ - Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Infrastructure & Development, November 7

The following are highlights from the open portion of council meetings held from November 1st to November 18th. For more details, please see the minutes which are available four to five weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

Subdivision Preliminary Plan

The preliminary plan for a subdivision on lots 7-17 to 7-39 on New Credit Rd. has been submitted by West and Ruuska Ltd. Since the property is on band-owned land, a MNCFN signatory must sign off on the plan as do any other interested parties. Once signed, the plan can be sent to Natural Resources Canada for registration. Representatives from the LRM and Housing departments have met with West and Ruuska Ltd. to ensure the housing subdivision lots are registered prior to any of the homes being paid in full. MNCFN I&D Council agreed to have Chief Laforme sign the preliminary plans.

Nanfan Deed

MNCFN I&D Council agreed to have Joan Holmes and Associates conduct Elder interviews regarding the Nanfan Deed and the Dish with One Spoon at a cost of \$34,630. The project is to be completed with a final report in February 2017. The findings of these interviews are to be used to complement Mathew La-Compte's earlier analysis of published monographs and primary archival historical documents related to the Nanfan Deed.

Transfer Policy

The MNCFN Transfer Policy was approved in October 2016. Three documents have since been developed to correspond with the Policy: Transfer Request Form, Verification of Volunteer Community Service Form, and Transfer Request Questionnaire. MNCFN I&D Council approved the documents.

MNCFN-DOCA Consultation Protocol

In December 2013, prior to the establishment of the Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA), MNCFN adopted a consultation proto-

col. On direction from council, DOCA has revised and updated this protocol based on the knowledge gained during its two years of operation. The consultation protocol was approved, with noted changes, for immediate implementation.

Waste Management Issue

MNCFN I&D Council acknowledged an update from the Waste Management Technical Team, comprised of representatives from MNCFN, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County. The update noted that efforts will continue with respect to the Waste Management Issue between the three parties. MNCFN I&D Council also instructed the technical team to exercise best efforts to work toward a resolution through discussion and negotiation, rather than triggering an arbitration or legal process.

Controlled Safety Gate

There has been an increase in the number of times members of the public have entered the band administration building without waiting at reception as directed by the receptionist. A controlled gate was recommended to address this issue which also relates to staff safety. MNCFN I&D Council approved the purchase and installation of controlled gates in the band administration building at a cost of \$5,773.21.

INAC Notice of Budget Adjustment

The MNCFN I&D Council authorized the signing of the AANDC Amendment #7 in the amount of \$16,500 set funding for 2016/17, which is comprised of the following: Education Department – School Effectiveness in the amount of \$5,000 and Teacher Recruitment in the amount of \$11,500.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Education & Social Services, November 14

Motherisk Commission

A follow-up letter from the Motherisk Commission was brought to Council as an FYI and direction was given to the Media and Communications Director to post the letter on the MNCFN website.

INAC Notice of Budget Adjustment

The MNCFN Education and Social Services Council authorized the signing of amendment #12 to increase funding in MNCFN's multi-year agreement with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The increased amounts are \$30,000 for the Housing Department (Capacity Development) and Sustainable



Economic Development (housing authority) in the amount of \$80,000.

Hydro One First Nations Conservation Program

Hydro One Networks Inc. has offered the new First Nations Conservation Program to MNCFN for the 2017 year. The director of Sustainable Economic Development was directed to schedule a Hydro One presentation on this program to Chief and Council at Infrastructure and Development Council on January 9th, 2017.

Immediate Relief Funding for Child Welfare Prevention in First Nations

The MNCFN E&SS Council agreed to accept \$53,470.22 from Indigenous and Northern Affairs via the Ministry of Child and Youth Services' Ontario Indigenous Child and Youth Strategy Family Well-Being Program. The funds are to be utilized for child welfare prevention activities.

Health Canada Funding Model Presentation

Representatives from Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch gave a presentation on their transition from a set funding model to a flexible funding model. Under the flexible funding model: funding terms usually run from 2-5 years instead of 1-5; budgets and work plans are approved at the start of an agreement rather than each year; funds may be reallocated with more flexibility; and unexpended funds may be retained in all years except the final year, instead of no retention permitted from year to year. Some programs will remain in the set funding model.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

MNCFN Outreach Activities

Toronto Maple Leafs Ceremony

Date: Nov. 1 Location: Air Canada Centre, Toronto Chief Laforme and Councillors showed support for residential school survivors.

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Councillor Casey Jonathan, Councillor Stephi LaForme, Councillor Evan Sault

Creation Story

Date: Nov. 2-4

Location: MNCFN Community Centre

Three-day telling of the Anishinaabe Creation Story. MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Margaret Sault, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Councillor Stephi LaForme, Councillor Evan Sault, Councillor Erma Ferrell, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson

Standing with Standing Rock - Brantford

Date: Nov. 4

Location: Brantford

Rally to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Cathie Jamieson



Councillors Margaret Sault and Veronica King-Jamieson at the Thank-A-Vet Luncheon.



Carol Tobicoe holds the 30th anniversary award for the New Credit Cultural Committee.



Queen's Park.

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme

National Gathering for Indigenous Education -Indspire, Indigenous Educator Awards

Date: Nov. 4 Location: Toronto Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson provided a welcoming to the traditional territory. MNCFN Representative(s): Veronica King-Jamieson

Thank-A-Vet Luncheon

Date: Nov. 5 Location: Brantford Annual luncheon honouring veterans, including MNCFN veterans. MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, Councillor Margaret Sault

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

MNCFN Outreach Activities

MNCFN Veterans' Service

Date: Nov. 6 Location: MNCFN "The Grove" MNCFN hosted the annual Veterans' Service. MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Margaret Sault, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Councillor Stephi LaForme, Councillor Erma Ferrell, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson

Beyond Bullying Presentations to Community

Date. Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 Location: MNCFN and Hagersville Presentation to the community, MNCFN staff, Lloyd S. King Elementary School, and Hagersville Secondary School against bullying. MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Councillor Stephi LaForme, and Social & Health

Heritage Mississauga Awards

Services staff

Date: Nov. 10 Location: Mississauga Awards recognizing civic leaders around the city and on Six Nations and MNCFN. MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Cathie Jamie-

son, Caitlin LaForme, Councillor Stephi LaForme



Councillor Cathie Jamieson holds a wampum belt at the MNCFN Veterans' ceremony.



Chief LaForme represented MNCFN at the Toronto Maple Leafs ceremony.



LSK Toy Bingo

Date: Nov. 12 Location: Six Nations Bingo Hall Raising funds through a toy bingo to help support the school with yearly activities and resource costs. MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Margaret Sault

Haggar Legends Classic

Date: Nov. 13 Location: Air Canada Centre, Toronto Tickets donated by Deloitte. MNCFN Representatives: Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Cathie Jamieson



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES

Employment Opportunities

Community Energy Surveyor

Acts as a community liaison to the project lead and Energy Plan Committee. Responsible for gathering and disseminating information, participating in meetings, investigating billing processes, coordinating community energy audits, energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives.

Closing date: November 25, 2016 at noon

Casual/on-call Reception Relief

Needed to provide central reception to staff, council and guests at the band office and to maintain the reception area, mail room and communications room (logging incoming/outgoing mail, distributing mail to all departments).

Closing date: Open Call

Health Unit Supervisor/Community Health Nurse

Responsible for the administration and implementation of the Community Health Unit within Social & Health Services, including the provision of community nursing services, by utilizing the nursing process (making family and individual assessments; making individual nursing care plans; evaluating the outcome and continually modifying the plans based on the assessed needs of the individual or family and the prescribed medical regimen); applying the nursing process to individuals and families identified as being at risk or in need of nursing care; and providing a comprehensive community health nursing program at clinic visits, home visits, school visits and workshops. **Closing date: December 8, 2016 at 12 noon**

Casual Supply Teacher

Responsible for ensuring that each child has an opportunity to reach his/her maximum potential through the creation and implementation of suitable programs and teaching styles to meet individual student needs. Must adhere to the Ontario College of Teachers' Foundations of Professional Practices and integrate Anishinaabe culture into the curriculum. Must be able to work flexible hours including occasional evenings and weekends.



Tuesday December 20, 2016 6:30pm – 8:00pm MNCFN Community Centre

New Credit Community Health would like to welcome everyone to join us for some family time, laughs and memories! The more the merrier! Each person will receive a free bingo card.

Prizes will include food to prepare a nutritious meal and the Grand Prize is a Freezer Package!

Healthy snacks, nutritional information and recipes will be available.

Contact Leslie Sault for more information at 905-768-0141.



Closing date: Open Call

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CONSULTATION & ACCOMMODATION

Update on

Scarborough Waterfront Project





An aerial view of the Scarborough bluffs on Lake Ontario.

The Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) is in the early stages of engaging with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) regarding the proposed Scarborough Waterfront Project (SWP).

The purpose of the SWP is to create safe and navigable trail systems through the Scarborough Bluffs to the Lake Ontario waterfront.

This trail system will allow the public to safely experience the views and natural environment of the area.

The lands and waters in the SWP are part of the MNCFN Territory. MNCFN Territory includes the waters and lake bed of Lake Ontario, as recently claimed by MNCFN in our "Aboriginal Title Claim to Waters within the Traditional Lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit" (Water Claim). The SWP is just one of many shoreline projects being proposed across our Territory.

a Water Committee (Ganawenjigejik Niibi Bemaadiziwin: Caretakers of Water-Life) to oversee and make recommendations on how we should approach and be involved in projects that could impact the water, and our rights.

For more information, please contact Fawn Sault at the DOCA (905-768-4260).



In light of our Water Claim, MNCFN is establishing

EDUCATION

LSK Toy Bingo **Raises Thousands for School**

Approximately 500 people attended the LSK Elemen- themed packages. tary Toy Bingo on Saturday, November 12.

Other than the bingo itself, there was also a bake table (donations came from staff, students, parents, and community members – all peanut safe).

There was a raffle table where people could purchase tickets and choose which items they wanted a chance to win.

There was a Nevada table with about 90 prizes (donated by LSK staff and other donors) of various value that could be won.

Some of the larger bingo prizes included an iPad Air, a \$1,000 Walmart gift card, an Xbox package, and various

About 20 LSK staff volunteered their time and several parents helped at several of the gaming tables.

"We raised a substantial amount of money but we are still calculating the exact amount as we still have to deduct costs from the amount taken in at the bingo hall," said LSK Principal Ms. MacDonnell.

The money raised by the Home and School Association will be used to support LSK student activities and resources for the classrooms.



EDUCATION

December and January Education Updates

Lloyd S. King Elementary School:

Wed. Dec. 7th-Christmas Open House 5:30-7:00 pm. Wed. Dec. 21st-Christmas Concert 6:00 pm (Donations for the Hagersville foodbank can be dropped off at the concert. Boxed cereal is preferred but any nonperishable item will be accepted).

Thurs. Dec. 22nd-Drum Social & Feast-9:00 am.

Fri. Dec. 23rd-PD day/NO SCHOOL.

Mon. Jan. 9th-School resumes. Welcome back everyone.

Hagersville Secondary School:

Thurs. Dec. 23rd-Last day of school before Christmas Break.

Mon. Jan. 9th-School resumes at 9:00 am. Welcome back everyone.

Wed. Jan. 11th-Parent Council 5:30 pm.

Tues Jan. 17th-Thurs. Jan. 19th-Grad Photos.

Thurs. Jan. 19th-Fri. Jan. 20th-Grade 9 EQAO Test.

Thurs. Jan 26th-Wed. Feb. 1st-EXAMS.

Thurs. Feb. 2nd-Fri. Feb. 3rd-PD Days-NO SCHOOL.

Post-Secondary:

Fri. Dec. 16th: The January living allowance will be de-

posited early into your bank account (for those who receive the living allowance). Budget wisely, because the next deposit is approximately six weeks later.

Fri. Jan. 13th: Fall 2016 grades and winter 2017 schedules must be submitted by this date. If you fail to send in the paperwork a HOLD will be issued on your February living allowance. If you know your grades and schedule will be late, you must contact the education department before January 10, 2017. Schedules and grades can be sent through email, fax, regular mail or hand delivered. February 1, 2017 is the deadline for Spring/Summer applications.

We advise all students to apply for various bursaries/ scholarships using the following resources:

OSAP:	www.osap.gov.on.ca
Dream Catcher Fund:	www.dcfund.ca
INDspire:	www.indspire.ca

If you have any questions, refer to: http://www.newcreditfirstnation.com/post-secondaryservices.html.

From the Education Department staff (Amanda, Kate & Pet): Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Career Fair & New Credit Business Showcase

For the 8th annual Career Fair, Employment & Training is partnering with Prince's Charities Canada and Our Children's Medicine (an Aboriginal employment and mentorship initiative originating in Toronto) to nearly double the size of the event and incorporate onsite workshops for resume writing and the promotion of the HigherMe portal.

The HigherMe portal, created by Prince's Charities Canada, connects job seekers with employment opportunities.

The HigherMe portal is a new online platform that focuses on connecting store or branch level employment opportunities with job seekers who have little or no previous work experience or training.

The portal is a way to bridge the gap between business and the Aboriginal community, with a focus on Aboriginal traditions and cultures.

Job postings are available at a local level, connecting job seekers in a specific region permitting targeted recruitment.

The 4th annual Business Showcase and Bazaar is an opportunity for band members to promote their business or service. There is a fee of \$20 for a booth for non-band members' businesses.



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Gaa Kiin oohmawaag (And this, is how learning happens)

An unseasonably warm autumn sun brought such joy to the children's faces this fall. We support outdoor exploration by taking the children on walks and using the playground twice a day. We believe that it is very acceptable for children to wholeheartedly explore their environment; this may result in children getting a little messy.

Ojibwe words we focused on were:

Square: kakedayaa	Happy: minwedam
Triangle: niisojiyaa	Sad: manandemdam
Circle waawiyeyaa	Sleep: nibaa
Star: anag	Silly: giibaatzi
Heart: ode	Tired: ayekozi
Rectangle: ginoode	Angry: nishkaadisi

Our children have been learning shapes in our Ojibwe language. Our toys and equipment help to enhance the learning everyday.

We would like to congratulate Greg Montour, RECE, on receiving the Parent's Choice award at the Early Childhood Educator Awards Banquet in Brantford on November 3, 2016.

On November 16 our centre was blessed with the music of a group of young hand drumming women from LSK School. Each classroom was serenaded with songs and drumming. The children connected to their inner beat and even the infants began to drum. The teachers help to awaken the children's spirit inside with music and dancing whenever they can.

Elisa Machida, Tena Sault, and Shannon King were very fortunate to attend a three-day workshop Nov. 2-4 on "The Anishinaabe Creation Story." It was told to us by the elder, Jim Dumont, Eastern Doorway Chief.

On November 18 and November 19 the teachers and students of Ekwaamjigenang attended a presentation by the "Reflective Learning Institute" in Simcoe. Learning Institute educators were shown how to reflect on vision for children, families and educators. We were taught how to learn to use a "Thinking Lens" and learn solutions for creating inviting spaces that are worthy of children. It was exciting to learn how to build foundational elements for reflective practice and explore values that inform practice. Our team at Ekwaamjigenang is always striving to improve ourselves as teachers and people.

It is important to us that the public, children, and staff refer to Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre as "the centre" or "Ekwaamjigenang." We are moving away from using the term "daycare." Daycare seems to suggest that we as teachers are only doing basic care of children when in fact we do so much more. We like the term "Childcare." Childcare reflects our beliefs that the child comes first in our philosophy and teachings.

Our commitment to our ECE field is very strong therefore we mentor students in the ECE field from Mohawk College. Megan LaForme did her placement in the infant room and November 25 was her last day. Megan had such a successful and positive experience in the infant room. The teachers and infants will miss Megan very much.

A couple of kind reminders from the Centre:

Please send appropriate outerwear for your child. The weather changes quickly from day to day; items like hats, mitts, splash pants/snow pants, and outdoor boots/shoes will be needed for your child to fully enjoy our two-hour outdoor playtime. We are also gladly accepting clothing donations, sizes 12 months to 6X.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Dec. 20: Santa is coming to visit; Dec. 21: Winter Celebration; Dec. 22: January fees due; Dec. 23: Centre CLOSED.

If you are interested in putting your child on the Centre's waitlist please contact the centre for an application form or one can be printed from the MNCFN website and dropped off or emailed to patti.barber@newcreditfirstnation.com or elisa.machida@newcreditfirstnation. com.

HOUSING

Get Your House Ready for the Winter!

Well, we can't escape it any longer – the cold weather is coming. We are mostly inside, or trying to get inside. Now is your chance to get ready for the long, cold winter.

Here are some reminders on making your home winter ready:

-Remember to check your windows and doors to see if the weather-stripping needs to be replaced.

-Check your roofs to see if they are in need of patching or replacing. There is still time.

-Make sure the eavestroughs are secure and draining water away from the foundation.

-Check that handrails and guards of outside porches and stairs are complete and secure.

-Have your heating and ventilation systems checked by a certified installer and ensure they are operating safely.

-Shut off your outside faucet and make sure all of the water is out of the pipe. Check all the pipes that are exposed to the elements outside to ensure they are insulated and protected to avoid frozen or bursting pipes.

-Check smoke alarms and ensure closures on doors from the garage to the interior of the house are operating.

-Review your fire safety procedure at home with your family and install a carbon monoxide detector if you don't already have one.

-Stock up on rock salt to prevent slippery porches and driveways.

Baking Exchange & Simcoe Lights Outing Sunday, December 18, 2016 2:00 pm [–] 8:00 pm Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

Attention all Families !!!!!!

Bring the children out to bake. Recipes and ingredients will be provided. We will be decorating boxes/tins/baskets/bags to carry our goodies home in.

Since we will be here during the dinner hour, you will be responsible to bring your own dinner. After dinner we will be travelling to Simcoe to see the lights (weather permitting). Transportation can be provided for participants but there are limited spaces in the vans. To register or for more information contact Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141.



HOUSING

Please contact LRM If Your Name Appears on This List

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Council wishes to contact the individuals listed below to provide information that may be to their benefit.

If your name appears on this list, please contact Delainie King at the Lands/Research/Membership office at 1-905-768-0100 or delainie. king@newcreditfirstnation.com, at your earliest convenience.

If you know the whereabouts or contact information of any person named below, please ask them to contact Delainie or forward their information so we may contact them directly.

Thank you.

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Samko & Miko Toy & Book Warehouse Sale!

December 1st - 8:00 am - 8:00 pm December 2nd - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm December 3rd - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm December 4th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

Community Health will be providing transportation to those who need it on: December 1st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm December 2nd from 9:30 am - 11:30 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Limited seats are available. Please contact Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141 for more information or to ensure your ride to the sale.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Anishinaabe Creation Story

The telling of the Anishinaabe Creation Story took place November 2-4, 2016 at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Community Centre with Elder Jim Dumont leading the event and sharing his knowledge.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme travelled to Rama at the end of August to listen to Elder Dumont share the Seven Fires of Creation. Chief Laforme took the opportunity to invite Elder Dumont to our community to share his knowledge and teachings and was pleased when Elder Dumont accepted.

MNCFN, in partnership with Native Horizons Treatment Centre's Community Wellness Development Team, was honoured to have Elder Dumont come and share the Seven Fires of Creation over the three days.

For some it was the first time hearing the Seven Fires

Major Events Committee Update

The following are highlights from some of the events the MEC is currently involved with:

Expo 2025 Bid

After presentations and continued discussion with Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, MNCFN Council supported the Expo 2025 bid in Toronto by issuing a letter of support, speaking at a press conference, and designating Councillor Casey Jonathan to represent MNCFN on the Expo bid steering committee. On November 9th, Toronto City Council voted not to support the development of a bid to host Expo 2025 in Toronto; however, they do remain open to future Expo bids including Expo 2030. MNCFN will take away from this a stronger relationship with Toronto City Council which is continuing on other fronts including the Toronto City Council Canada 150 Advisory Committee.

North American Indigenous Games

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is





Elder Dumont was presented with a blanket gift from Coun cillor Cathie Jamieson.

of Creation. The event was well received by the community and we hope that Elder Dumont will return for more teachings in the future.

Gemma Onaubinisay aka Jim Dumont is the Eastern Doorway Chief and 5th Degree in his Mediwiwin learning from Shawanaga First Nation.

looking for over 2000 volunteers, including sport specialists, protocol, medal ceremonies, event services, medical volunteers, accreditation, opening and closing ceremonies, IT specialists, photographers and French speakers, to name a few. Volunteers will work together and be stationed at various venues across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Hamilton Region and Six Nations of the Grand River. Employment opportunities for NAIG will also continue to be posted on at www. newcreditfirstnation.com.

Invictus Games

MNCFN is the official Host First Nation of the Invictus Games which will be held from September 23-30, 2017. Major Events Committee members represent MNCFN on the Brand Legacy Working Group and Ceremonies Working Group. Representatives are currently working with Invictus on developing curriculum and determining MNCFN involvement in Invictus Events such as archery at Fort York and cycling on Toronto Island.

ONTARIO WORKS

Hagersville Food Bank

Donations needed!

If you wish to make a donation to the Hagersville Food Bank, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation has been requested to donate the following items:

- Red jam (strawberry, raspberry)
- Canned fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard and relish)

Donations can be dropped off with Lindsay Sault at the Social and Health Services building on New Credit, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you have any questions Lindsay can be contacted at: (905) 768-1181 x. 225.

"You have two hands – one to help yourself, the second to help others."

Ontario Works

Employment Support

The Ontario Works/Employment Support Program provides temporary employment services and basic financial assistance to individuals experiencing hardship.

Individuals in receipt of Ontario Works assistance must work toward self-reliance and financial independence through the provision of effective and integrated employment services. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact our office to see if you are eligible for the program.

Contact: Lindsay Sault, Ontario Works Case Worker at (905) 768-1181 x. 225.





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All solid waste and recycling is required to be placed at the curbside **no later than 8 a.m.** on the day of collection **(Wednesday)**.



Residents are entitled to four (4) bags per household for collection per week.

Individual garbage bags or cans, when full, must not exceed a standard size of 66 cm X 91 cm (26" x 36") and a weight limit of 45 lb (20 kg).

Bags or cans should be placed <u>as close to the roadway as possible</u> for collection.



S&HS COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health Unit World Diabetes Day Event

The Social and Health Services - Community Health Unit held a highly-informative awareness event at New Credit United Church on World Diabetes Day on November 14th.

Specialists in various health disciplines were on hand to teach guests about the importance of a nutritious diet, relaxation and staying on top of your health. These activities help prevent the development of diabetes or manage the disease to minimize long-term damage that diabetes can cause in the body.

Experts from the Southern Ontario Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (SOADI) provided very useful information on preventing and managing diabetes.

Diabetes is a chronic disease where the body cannot properly store and use sugar that is made from foods and beverages taken in.

With the drastic lifestyle changes Indigenous people have undergone in the past few centuries, it is said that simply being of Indigenous descent is a risk factor for the development of type 2 diabetes.

In a person without diabetes, this is what happens during food intake:

1. Person eats food. The food turns into glucose (sugar), which then digests into the bloodstream.

2. The brain gets the message: "Too much sugar in the blood" and sends a message to the pancreas (an organ in the abdomen) to release insulin.

3. The pancreas releases insulin (a hormone) into the bloodstream. It takes the sugar out of the blood and into body cells to be used for energy.

However, when a person has diabetes, one of two situations occur after eating food:

-The body has no insulin or not enough insulin.

-The body cannot properly use the insulin that is produced.



In both cases, too much sugar stays in the blood because it cannot get into the body cells to be used for energy. Unmanaged diabetes can cause serious complications in the long-term, including kidney disease, blindness, paralysis, amputation, heart disease, depression and erectile dysfunction.

Some symptoms of diabetes include: unusual thirst, extreme tiredness, blurred vision, frequent urination, headaches, cuts and scrapes that take a long time to heal, weight loss or weight gain, and tingling or numbness in the hands or feet.

Risk factors of developing diabetes include: being of Indigenous ancestry, being overweight, having family members with diabetes, being inactive, and having had gestational diabetes or giving birth to a baby over 9 lbs.

Sometimes there are no symptoms at all, so get tested by a healthcare professional.

The S&HS Community Health Unit helps provide access to resources and services for community members seeking help with managing their diabetes. You can reach them at 905-768-1181.

(Information provided by the Southern Ontario Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative).

S&HS COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOMINATE Someone Today

Lifetime Achievement Award For Outstanding Volunteerism

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Volunteers are essential to the vitality and well-being of our communities. The Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to our communities through volunteerism during their lifetime. This award is presented to a maximum of four residents from one or more of our communities, with a celebration honouring award winners during National Volunteer Week in April each year. As part of the award, a legacy fund will be established in the name of each recipient and administered by the Brant Community Foundation.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 2016

Who is eligible?

Nominees must reside in the County of Brant, the City of Brantford, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory or Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. Nominees must have made a noteworthy and unpaid contribution to our community and the lives of others over a significant period of time. Contributions may be by volunteering their time, knowledge, skills or resources. All nominations will be kept on record for three years for future consideration.

> For detailed eligibility criteria and nomination forms please visit www.lifetimeachievementaward.ca or call Derek Bond at 519-717-4125.

S&HS FAMILY SUPPORT

MNCFN Speaks Out Against Bullying During Moving Presentation

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When she graduated grade 8, she was scared to start high school.

She asked to be home-schooled. But that didn't happen.

At high school, kids told her unspeakably cruel things and she eventually died by suicide.

Her mother is now speaking out about her daughter's story in the hopes it will teach others to think twice before bullying. It can lead to drastic consequences.

The story of Amanda Todd made headlines around the world.

The B.C. teenager died by suicide in 2012 after relentless cyberbullying and online "sexploitation" by a 35-yearold Dutch man who is now facing various criminal charges for harassing Amanda and other young people over the Internet. He is being extradited to Canada to face charges specifically relating to Amanda's death.

Carol Todd, Amanda's mother, told a heart-wrenching story of a young girl who got caught up in the world of social media which resulted in nude photos of Amanda - an underage girl - circulating around the Internet and among her classmates.

She was harassed relentlessly both online and at school due to the photos. School mates cruelly taunted her, telling her to kill herself. No matter how hard Amanda tried to escape – switching schools, staying off social media – the abuse followed her.

Carol has managed to find a glimmer of hope in the aftermath of losing her precious daughter.

The schoolteacher has created the Amanda Todd Legacy Society and she tours around the world talking



Carol Todd with Family Support Worker Donna Henry.

about cyberbullying and sexploitation as it relates to her daughter, while teaching people how to be kind to one another and advocating against bullying of all kinds.

Carol also teaches parents and children about online safety.

Andrew Bear, from the Aboriginal Mental Health Institute in Saskatchewan, offered some words of advice on the issue of suicide and mental health among Aboriginal people.

He also sang and entertained the crowd, and staff from the Mental Health Unit were stationed throughout to help those who may have felt triggered during the emotional presentations.

The event was organized by Social and Health Services-Mental Health Unit staff.

S&HS FAMILY SUPPORT

S&HS HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Invites You to Our Annual Christmas Dinner on

New Credit

Home &

Community

Care

Program

Tuesday Dec 13, 2016

at the New Credit Community Centre lunch served at 1200

turkey dinner with all the fixings

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Wanted:

Snowplowing quotes

The Sustainable Economic Development Department is requesting quotes from interested individuals for snow plowing maintenance during the 2016/2017 season on the following properties:

1. Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Commercial Plaza: 78 Mississauga Rd.

2. Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Industrial Park: 6 Mississauga Rd.; area to include back loading docks and extended parking lot.

4TH ANNUAL EMBRACING OUR GRIEF

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm MNCFN Community Centre, 659 New Credit Road (Building 4) Grief is a Human Emotional Response to Significant Loss Grief does not follow stages or a timeline. Grief does not simply go away. Grief is normal, natural, emotional and unique to an individual. Let's learn to support one another through times of sadness without shame, guilt or anger.

Please call to register at 905-768-1181 Kari Ivany Mental Health Worker Ext 238 or Karen Campbell

Children's Mental Health Worker Ext 250

Safe Food Handling Certification Course

Thursday, December 15, 2016 8:00am - 5:00pm

Social and Health Services (Teen Room) This Certification course is open to all community members! Learn the general principals of safe food handling!

Topics include:

- Temperature control
- Cross-Contamination
- Personal Hygiene
- Cleaning and Sanitizing

Certification expires in 5 years. Please bring paper and pen to take notes. Registration required. Contact Laura-Lee to register at 905-768-0141 ext 241 or email: LauraLee.Kelly@newcreditfirstnation.com

For particulars in regards to the noted properties, please contact Kevin Wassegijig at (905) 768-1133 ex. 241 or Aimee Sault at (905) 768-1133 ex. 244.

Quotes will be accepted until November 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.





Thursday December 15, 2016 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

Are you a father, grandfather, uncle or caregiver? Are you looking for some gift ideas for Christmas?If you answered yes to either questions come join us and build your own busy board to give to your young ones! Limited spaces available.

For more information or to register please contact Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Heritage Mississauga

Legend of the Council Fire

The Grange Comic Series

The fourth comic in the Grange series, The Legend of the Council Fire, is focused on the signing of Treaty 13A in 1805.

For the past four years Heritage Mississauga has written a comic story to coincide with the Doors Open theme or site at which they are presenting. This year, the theme focused on Aboriginal teachings, as the group decided to tell the important story of the signing of Treaty 13A.

A lot of research was done to develop the story and prepare the visuals. A volunteer with Heritage Mississauga, Catarina Robitaille, did extensive research into landscape, clothing, traditions, and timelines to be sure that there was as much detail as they could to provide to the comic designer, Daniel Wong, of Spent Pencil.

Throughout the process of storyline to design, the Aboriginal Programs Committee reviewed the material to ensure that it was true to the Mississaugas and what the time period should look like.

Each comic includes two young people. In this issue the students are from the University of Toronto - Mississauga. The committee ensured that the students reflected diverse cultures from the community.

The full story is detailed and very descriptive and will be included on their new Web site.

In each comic, there is also the same bus driver, former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, who lent herself to the series when it first began.

The comic is an excellent tool not only for teaching the young, but for helping to provide all ages with an image of the time, details of the people involved, and



highlights of the importance of issues.

The comic can be viewed at www.heritagemississauga.com.



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EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	PG.
Nov. 30	Movember	S&HS Lower Level	6-8 pm	16
Dec. 1-4	Toy & Book Warehouse Sale	Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum	9 am-3 pm	17
Dec. 2	MNCFN Career Fair	MNCFN Community Centre	9-4 pm	14
Dec. 2-3	New Credit Business Showcase	MNCFN Community Centre	6 pm-9 pm & 9 am-3 pm	14
Dec. 6	Embracing Our Grief	MNCFN Community Centre	5 pm-8 pm	25
Dec. 8	Community Kitchen	S&HS Lower Level	1-3 pm	7
Dec. 9	Community Christmas Party	MNCFN Community Centre	5-7:30 pm	13
Dec. 10	Breakfast With Santa	MNCFN Community Centre	9-11 am	20
Dec. 13	Home & Community Care Christmas Dinner	MNCFN Community Centre	12 pm	24
Dec. 15	Men's Busy Board Building	S&HS Lower Level	6 pm-8 pm	25
Dec. 15	Safe Food Handling	S&HS Teen Room	8 am-5 pm	25
Dec. 18	Baking Exchange	S&HS Lower Level	2 pm-8 pm	16
Dec. 20	Nutrition Bingo	MNCFN Community Centre	6:30-8 pm	10
Dec. 20-21	Christmas Basket & Toy Pick-up	S&HS Lower Level	9:30 am-3 pm	19
Dec. 23- Jan.9	MNCFN Closure	All offices closed		



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