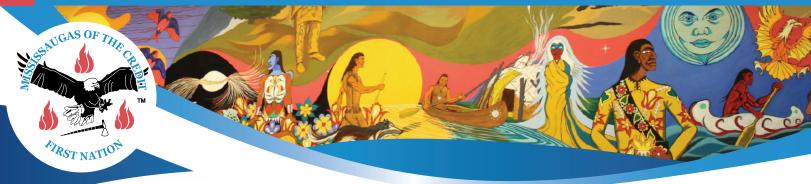
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# **EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER**



Carolyn King, C.M. Appointed Member of the Order of Canada

# Vision Statement in Ojibwe:

Read more on page 5!

Ezhi niigaan waabjigaayewaad Mississaugas of the 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.

# Eaglepress Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

### Chief R. Stacey Laforme

I want to thank everyone for doing their part to ensure our Nation is as safe as possible during these challenging times.

My thanks to the COVID-19 Working Group, staff and of course, to Membership. I also want to thank all those friends and allies who offered support or just checked in with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

We have staff who are working diligently for the betterment of our Nation during these challenging times. I know it is not perfect and there are issues that need to be addressed (and we will address them), but when it comes to the challenging times we faced in the last year, they have been awesome.



Our stores and entrepreneurs have pulled together to do their part in the prevention of COVID-19 and we thank you. I want to express appreciation to our Membership, on and off reserve, who have supported one another to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We may have our differences, but in difficult times, sometimes the most difficult, we stand together. I want Membership to know that even though the pandemic is taking up a lot of time and energy, your leadership is working every day on the overall issues that impact our Nation. We are doing our best to correspond and interact with the world around us through video conferencing. We have many strategy meetings on a wide range of topics, some you will see in the videos each member of Council recorded, which can be found on our website.

Just to touch on a few areas;

- Governance structure, law making and jurisdiction issues are being developed for Membership to review.
- Waterline expansion completion, although meetings are occurring with Haldimand on the Water agreement,
- Ongoing meetings and submissions for funding being prepared for the Peace Keepers program.
- A Constitution Committee has been established to engage membership in the new year,
- The election law will be going to a vote in the new year,
- Infrastructure needs are being planned for,
- Housing as a business is being discussed,
- Planning for the expansion of LSK is ongoing,
- Many advancement areas in education are occurring or being developed,
- Land claims/water claim are being aggressively pursued,
- Economic opportunity and entrepreneurship is being planned.

# **SOCIAL DISTANCING**What does it mean?

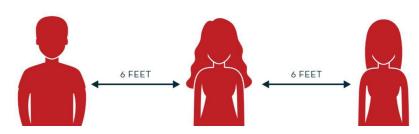
Social distancing is the practice of reducing clos contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.

Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.

**HAVE TO GO OUT?** Keep 6 feet of distance between you and others whenever possible.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? It can help limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHAT IS IT? Remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding large crowds & gatherings.



There are many more issues that are being worked on through the pandemic and I trust you will receive a thorough update during the videos and the year ahead. Most, if not all Council, are active enough to be considered full time positions within the organization (not just available or on call) but functioning full time assets to the organization. I appreciate the dedication and commitment of Chief and Council. I want to end this update by acknowledging those who are no longer with us and express my condolences to the family, friends and the Nation as a whole for we are lessoned by each loss. They may leave our sight, we may not hear their voice but the will always dwell among us.

Miigwech, Stay safe, be heard. Baamiipii

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#### HISTORICAL TIDBIT

By Darin Wybenga, New Credit Public Library

Our ancestors called the Grand River, Pesshinneguning- "the one that washes the timber down and drives away the grassweeds." The Grand cuts through the heart of our treaty lands and territory as it flows from its headwaters near Dundalk, Ontario, some 300 kilometers south to its mouth on Lake Erie. Our people have been sustained by its waters since our arrival in Southern Ontario in the late 16th century and we retain our relationship to this very day. Even when the land was acquired from our people by the British Crown in 1784 for the purpose of settling Six Nation Loyalists on the Haldimand Tract, our relationship remained. In 1792, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, Augustus Jones, noted the presence of one of our villages on the west bank of the river as he surveyed the boundaries of the Haldimand Tract. Maps, created in 1815 and 1818, indicate our enduring presence on the Grand by showing a Mississauga village located between the villages of the Delaware and the Onondagas. Even as the late as the 1890's records document our use of the river and its associated resources.

Rev. Peter Jones, Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, recorded in his Anecdote Book the following story that took place within the vicinity of the Grand River. Although no date has been given, it might be surmised from the reading itself that it occurred after 1826 and the founding of the Credit River Mission Village:

P. Wompegoosh, an Indian residing in the township of Waterloo, on the Grand River, came on a visit to the Credit for the purpose of hearing the words of the Great Spirit, Being much interested, he tarried longer than he expected. On his return home, he found his family out of provisions and very hungry. P. Wompegoosh rose up very early in the morning in search of deer; he travelled till the middle of the afternoon without seeing a sign of one.



Mississauga Village along the Grand, 1818

He now began to despair; in this emergency he made known his wants to the Christian's God, and began to call aloud on him. To his first prayer he received no answer. He then travelled on some distance, again praying aloud as before that God would give him deer for his family. On rising from his knees, he looked and saw three deer standing not far from him; taking his rifle he shot one on the spot; when he discovered he had killed it, he again fell upon his knees and returned thanks to God. As he rose from his thanksgiving behold he saw another standing within gunshot; as soon as he could load, he shot the second, and again gave thanks. After this he went in search of the third, and soon killed him. He was thus provided with an abundant supply for his family. Surely "God is a prayer-hearing, and a prayer-answering God, a very present help in time of trouble!" ones, in his History of the Ojebway Indians, relates another story that takes place near the Grand: On the west side of the Grand River, in the township of Waterloo, formerly stood a lofty pine-tree, with a large spreading closely matted top, which had a most imposing appearance from the distant hills, as this tree was taller than any others within view. On the top of this tree the eagles for many generations were wont to build their nests and rear their young, so that other lofty trees, towering rocks, and declivities, might become inhabited by the representatives of the "thunder-god." Old Jack, the Indian, whose hunting-grounds lay within the shadow of this remarkable tree, thought that he must have a god to worship, and therefore dreamed or fancied that this tree was to be his munedoo, or god, who would grant him and his family long life and success in hunting. He and they made periodical visits to it, bringing with them the best of the game they had taken, and offering the same at the foot of the tree.... Cont

The offering was made in the usual manner, namely, by boiling the game, and burning part of it as a burnt offering, and the remainder being eaten by the invited guests, or by portions of the family. But old Jack would not taste a mouthful of it himself, as he intended that it should be a whole sacrifice. When passing through that part of the country, I have repeatedly gazed upon and admired old Jack's tree. I have recently heard that the white man has been so daring and profane, as to fell to the ground the poor Indian's god, which no doubt was drawn to the saw-mill, and then made into lumber to build the white man's wigwam. How would the descendants of Jack, with the eagles that nestled on the branches of this tree, wail and lament to see that their father's god has fallen to rise no more! This is but too emblematical of the fate of the red man of the forest. The white man comes, and as he advances the trees vanish before him; thus the poor Indian disappears, as if crushed by the falling of the immense forests.

Dr. Peter Edmund Jones, son of the Rev. Peter Jones, was the Mississaugas of the Credit's medical attendant, their former chief, and the band's Indian Agent when he wrote to the Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs regarding the death of a band member in April 1896:

Sir, I have the unpleasant duty of reporting to you the death by drowning of Edwy Spencer No. 143 one of the oldest members of the Band. He and his son Abram No. 148 had spent the winter at the head of Grand River hunting and trapping. They were on their way home in their canoe coming down the river with the flood. The son says they stopped at Elora overnight, and he heard his father ask a man if it would be safe to go down the river, and he was told "Yes if you are a good canoe man." They left Elora about sunrise and had proceeded about half a mile when they came to a rocky gorge with perpendicular banks. Their canoe filled with water, they got out and hung on to it, the father about the middle; the son at the end. It was a wooden "dug out" canoe. They drifted some distance when the boast struck a rock, and they were both separated from it. Abram says his father went over the canoe and he thinks he must have struck a rock and have been stunned, for he was a good swimmer. Abram drifted down until he came to an eddy and then got ashore. The canoe and all its contents, except Abram, are so far lost.

The Grand River has nurtured our people for well over three hundred years. How are we as a people giving back to the River? How do we convey thanks for the bounty of the waters of the Grand, or for that matter, all the waters in

our treaty lands and territory?

We engage in a reciprocal relationship with the watershow are we as a First Nation holding up our end of the relationship?





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#### **Calling for Nominations for Eagle Awards**

It's time to recognize the role models, heroes and supporters of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

Nominations are now being sought for the second annual Eagle Awards and will be accepted until June 18, 2021.

"It's about building pride and giving recognition where it's due," says MCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme. "These awards strengthen our culture and our sense of heritage within our Nation."

Nominations are sought for the following two awards:

The **Trailblazer Award** recognizes a member of MCFN who has served MCFN by increasing its profile or status with external communities, influencers and partners. In 2020, Justice Harry S. LaForme won the Trailblazer Award.

The Community Volunteer Award recognizes a member of MCFN who has shown outstanding generosity, resulting in service or support to MCFN through their time, actions, talents and dedication. In 2020, educator Karl King won the Community Volunteer Award.

A third award may be given at the direction of Chief and Council: the **Friend of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Award.** This recognition honours a person who is not a member of MCFN, but whose career in any field has had a major impact or influence on advancing knowledge of MCFN history, language, culture, beliefs and traditions. Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, was the recipient in 2020.

Eagle Award nomination forms are available online at

http://mncfn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Eagle-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf

Locations to pick up hard copies will be posted once COVID-19 restrictions ease.

The Eagle Awards are an initiative of the Chief and Council of MCFN. A volunteer Recognition Committee reviews all nominations and makes recommendations to Chief and Council on the recipients.

For additional information committee members can be contacted at: recognitionaward@mncfn.ca



Elder Carolyn King, C.M., former Chief and a Member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Ontario has received the Order of Canada, one of our country's highest honours. Presented by the governor general, the Order honours people whose service shapes our society; whose innovations ignite our imaginations; and whose compassion unites our communities.

Kings appointment was for her expertise in community development, her advocacy of Indigenous-led initiatives, and her efforts to improve Canadians' understanding of First Nations.

Each recipient will be invited to accept their insignia at a ceremony to be held at a later date. The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation send out a community congratulations on your appointment to the Order of Canada!

The Order of Canada is one of our country's highest civilian honours. Its Companions, Officers and Members take to heart the motto of the Order: DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM ("They desire a better country").

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. More than 7,000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order. Those who bear the Order's iconic snowflake insignia have changed our nation's measure of success and, through the sum of their accomplishments, have helped us build a better Canada.

https://www.gg.ca/en/activities/2020/governor-general-announces-61-new-appointments-order-canada

#### **MMIWG "Rolling Vigil"**

The Special Events and Culture Unit would like to say Chi-Miigwetch to everyone who joined in the 'Rolling Vigil 'for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' and hung prayer ties up around the Council House yesterday. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day for this event and our route went smoothly.

Chi-Miigwetch to Valarie King for her vision and guidance of this event, to Peter Schuler and Marcus Henry for keeping the fire, to Lauren Porter for her healing jingle dress dance before the rolling vigil started and to Chief Laforme, the OPP and Constable Brian Smit for their assistance and support.

Over the next two weeks we will be sharing some of the 231 Individual Calls for Justice from the Final Report on MMIWG. To review the full report please visit https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/.

Join us on February 26th at 6pm for our Virtual Symposium to hear guest speakers and singers share words and songs in honour of MMIWG.









Chief Laforme closes Hockey Day in Canada with a poem Credit: Sportsnet

#### Chief Laforme opens and closes this year's Hockey Day in Canada

Ron MacLean of Hockey Night In Canada visited the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to film the opening of this years "Hockey Day in Canada." MacLean, who was matching Chief Laforme in a Missisaugas of the Credit sweater, offered Chief Laforme a tobacco pouch and asked him to do the honour of opening up this years event. In Chief Laforme's opening he says:

"I would like to welcome you to the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe. We have been welcoming people here for generation upon generations and we do that now. We want you to feel welcome, everybody should be welcome."

MacLean not only wanted Chief Laforme to start the day off, but to end it as well.

"We want to thank the Mississaugas of the Credit, this is their treaty land. Their Chief, Stacey Laforme has always been great to us," MacLean said on the live Sportsnet broadcast. "Chief, Laforme, if you would, you have such a way with words, to end our Hockey Day in Canada would you grace us with a poem?"

To close out the special day Chief Laforme read his poem "Common Ground."

"I said that poem because I think everyone can see of themselves within in, and that teaches us that no matter how far apart we may seem we are never so far apart that we cant find common ground..."

"Or in your case Ron, common ice," he joked.

Miigwech to Ron McLean and the Hockey Night in Canada crew for including the Mississaugas of the Credit in this special day, and for your continuous friendship throughout the years.



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#### Councillor Evan Sault, Pillar Two Lead, Nation Well-Being and Wellness

Aanii and Good Day to all my fellow Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Members, I truly hope that everyone is doing as well as possible considering the unique and difficult times that we all continue to be living in.

#### **COVID-19 and MCFN:**

Currently we are now in the midst of the second wave of COVID-19 that was predicted by health experts and professionals in late spring/early summer with a very good possibility of a third wave in the near future. Therefore the MCFN COVID-19 Working Group was revamped and restructured in the early fall of 2020. I was again appointed by Chief & Council as the Chief & Council Lead of the COVID-19 Working Group. he COVID-19 Working Group meets weekly with emergency meetings when required due to the rapid movements of COVID-19.



The Working Groups responsibilities is to do investigative research, collect data, review stats and gather information, than have discussions and dialogue in order to take the most appropriate recommendations to Chief and Council for decision making purposes. Currently at this time, the active and probable cases within the MCFN Community are very low and have been low. The first and foremost priority of Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group is the Health and Safety of the MCFN Members, Community and Organization Staff.

**Pillar 2: Nation Well Being and Wellness Update:** With the Organization currently open for essential services only, I continue to have follow up meetings via Zoom with the following healthcare centres and organizations in order to maintain involvement in ongoing services and also to discuss and plan potential services and programs for MCFN here in the Community, when safe to do so.

#### **Working Groups and Committee Updates:**

#### **MCFN Peacekeepers Sub-Committee:**

I'm the Chair of this Sub-Committee which works within and in collaboration with the MCFN Governance Committee. We meet frequently and keep making progress in planning and developing our own MCFN Peacekeepers/Policing Program here in our Community. This won't occur overnight and we understand that, that's why we continue to meet frequently and move in the most appropriate and positive direction for the Community. We are currently posting and looking to hire a MCFN Peacekeepers Coordinator with the funds from a Grant that I completed and applied for on behalf of MCFN.

#### MCFN Fibre Optics/Internet Adhoc Committee (FOAC):

We all know the internet service is very unreliable, undependable or plainly unattainable here in the Community, therefore we continue to meet quite often. We want to ensure that we are doing our due diligence in order to improve the Internet quality here in the Community as soon as possible. The importance of reliable and efficient internet service is no more apparent than right now, we have students/learners struggling with online schooling and employees who are required to work from home.

#### **MCFN Major Events Committee (MEC):**

Unfortunately, the Canada Summer Games 2021 that were scheduled to take place in the Niagara Region next summer, have been cancelled and are tentatively scheduled for 2022. As Chair of MEC, I continue to meet with the Canada Summer Games CEO and Host Society along with the Canada Summer Games Indigenous Partnerships Council to maintain MCFN's proper input and involvement moving forward and towards 2022. We will continue to plan and prepare for Annual Events within our MCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

We have been having ongoing meetings as members of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Host Committee. The AFN AGM is scheduled to take place in Toronto in July of this year. With being still stuck in the COVID-19 Pandemic, it's still not decided if the AGM will take place in-person or virtually. Updates will follow in future reports.

We have currently just started preliminary discussions with the Team Anishinaabe representatives, who will be competing in the World Junior Lacrosse Championships (WJLC). Team Anishinaabe is the newest entry into the WJLC and we will be looking to see how MCFN can be involved in order to support the team and organization.

**Ongoing Services, Input and Involvement:** McMaster Children's Hospital (COVID-19 Support, Mental Health and Wellness Support); GANOHKWA'SRA Board of Directors Meetings; Hamilton Health Services and Hamilton Public Health; De dwa da dehs nye> (Hamilton and Brantford Aboriginal Health Centres); Health and Social Services of Haldimand/Norfolk (Hagersville and Simcoe Hospitals); Brant Community Healthcare Systems (Brantford General Hospital); Niagara Health (South Niagara Hospital); Service Canada; Hydro One.

#### Councillor Erma Ferrell, Pillar Five Lead, Cultural Awareness, Communication and Outreach

Council meetings attended: 5 meetings since January 15th.
Indigenous Programming Advisory Group-February 8th
Artifacts – February 12th
Toronto Island Master Plan – February 16th & 18th
Finance Sub-Committee – January 27th
Massey College – Anti-Black Racism Council
Niagara Summer Games – January 21st
Mississauga Art Walk – January 28th

**MEETINGS VIA ZOOM** 

World Junior Anishinabe Lacrosse Champions – January 29th
Fibre Optics – January 18th, February 3rd, 4th, 18th
Pillar #5 Committee Meeting – January 20th

Health & Social – February 19th Mississauga Nationhood Economic Development – February 22nd



**Council Meetings** – Attended all scheduled Council meetings beginning January 19th to February 16th. All meetings are still scheduled via zoom.

#### Indigenous Programming Advisory Group – February 08, 2021

Meetings with the Indigenous Programming Advisory Group continue to take place via zoom video and conference calls. The major part of the meeting was discussing the Indigenous Programming currently implemented at some of the Museums in Toronto, and how we can expand on the programming to include more schools in the GTA.

**Fibre Optics** – A working committee continues to meet via zoom to gather information, for submission to obtain funding for Broadband and a solution to improving the Internet service in our Community. This project will not be completed in a few months, but we are trying to address the problem as we are aware of the importance for better Internet service in our Community. Decisions have been made on how to implement this plan as soon as possible and the community will be notified when an agreement is finalized.

Pillar #5 – Our Pillar #5 Committee met on January 20th and two staff from Massey College zoomed in to discuss with the possibility of creating podcasts, on various topics such as our Culture, our History and our Language. Additional meetings will be scheduled with the Massey College in the next few weeks.

**Artifacts** – Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, Mark LaForme, Megan DeVries and I continue to discuss the next steps to take ownership of our Artifacts that have been located in our Treaty and Traditional Lands. Recommendations for next steps will be presented to the Mississaugas of the Credit Chief & Council.

**World Junior Lacrosse Championship Games** - Councillor Evan, Caitlin Laforme/Culture and Major Events Coordinator and I, had a zoom call with one of the organizers of the World Junior Lacrosse Championship Games. We were asked if our First Nation will sponsor the games. The information will be presented to the Mississaugas of the Credit Chief & Council for their approval. The games will be open to all members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to try out for a position on one of the teams.

**Massey College Toronto** - Dean Amela Marin retired from Massey College this month. Dean Marin was instrumental in presenting an opportunity for our First Nation to have an office on the Massey College Campus at no cost to us. The Dean was also instrumental in working with our First Nation, to develop Indigenous workshops. Dean Marin helped to strengthen the relationship between the staff & students at Massey College with members of our First Nation.

**Business Owners -** If you are a Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Business owner and are interested in being featured in our monthly newsletter, please contact me @ ErmaF@mncfn.ca Thank you.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Annual Recognition Awards. Please check the website www.mcfn.com

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#### **Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, Pillar Four Lead, Education and Awareness**

Aaniin nanaboozhoo, mno giizhgad (hello greetings, good day) Boneniik Anishnaabe kwe n'dizhnikaas, makwa dodem niin da'aw, Michi Saagiig n'doonjibaa (my name is Veronica King-Jamieson, bear clan and people of the Great Lakes).

# Thank You! HEALTHCARE WORKERS

#### **Community**

Wishing everyone good health and well being today and everyday. Our number one prime focus is too keep everyone safe during the COVID-19. Let's work together, we can do this.

We have always wanted to hear your voices in what matters in our daily lives, especially the education.

During this time, we have been focused on Education tasks on how to strategically help learners, students, and members navigate the new ways of methods in delivering how we learn. There will be concerns, exciting new ways of learning, but most important the continuation of education in some form.

Due to social distancing, check in with other parents and learners to see how they are doing and coping with family, education, sports and in general our life.

Always, call – text – message me at email: veronicak@mncfn.ca cell phone (905) 869 - 5753.

#### **Nation-to-Nation**

Check out these website:

✓ FIRST NATION WITH SCHOOL COLLECTIVE

#### https://fnwsceducation.com/

- Media training equips First Nation members with tips to share education transformation journey. https://fnwsceducation. com/2020/11/28/media-trainingequips-first-nation-memberswith-tips-to-share-educationtransformation-journey/
- COVID-19 & First Nation Schools' Physical Education Curriculum as

- a Long-Term Strategy for Disease Prevention. https://fnwsceducation.com/2020/04/10/covid-19-first-nation-schools-physical-education-curriculum-as-a-long-term-strategy-for-disease-prevention/
- FN Governance Readiness is a Community-Driven Exercise. https://fnwsceducation.com/2018/12/23/governance-readiness-is-a-community-driven-exercise/
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#### NOTICE - MCFN Governance Land Claims Committee – Update on MCFN Land Claims

The MCFN Land Claims Committee has prepared an update on MCFN's land claims for Members' review. Below, you will find a summary of the land claims. Members can find a full update on each of the ongoing land claims, and those still to be researched, on the Members-only website – under Governance.

Questions on MCFN's land claims can also be answered at some of the upcoming engagement sessions for MCFN Governance.

**Treaties 22 & 23, 1820** – submitted to Canada and Ontario. Treaty 23 looks at the sale of the lands sold and MCFN is arguing they were sold at undervalue. As such, the value of the lands needs to be brought forward to the present value at the time the claim is settled.

**Treaty 22** argues that the Crown and MCFN did not have the same understanding when they entered into treaty. MCFN understood that it was placing its lands into trust with the Crown – that the lands were never to be sold but made available for the use and benefit of the MCFN for all time. MCFN did not sell these lands. We believe that the Crown understood the agreement was to sell the lands, except for 200 acres that was reserved at the River Credit. As such, we are entitled to the current unimproved value of any lands that can't be returned to MCFN.

**The Water Claim** – submitted to Canada and Ontario. It argues that MCFN still has Aboriginal Title to the water, beds of water, and floodplains within our Territory. With the ongoing Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Aboriginal Title to Water Litigation, Canada and Ontario are unwilling to review MCFN's claim. Although we continue to discuss this Claim with both Crowns, MCFN has filed a court action on this Claim. We are putting it into abeyance (on hold) until the SON litigation is completed. This puts MCFN into a better position on how best to move forward into the future.

**Rouge River Valley Tract (RRVT) Claim** – submitted to Canada and Ontario. It argues that the RRVT forms part of the Territory of the MCFN and that it was never surrendered by the MCFN. We still have Aboriginal Title to this land. In early-September 2020, MCFN submitted an offer to settle to Canada and Ontario for their consideration. Both Crowns are reviewing it now.

**Other MCFN Claims** – we have a number of other claims that we are currently researching and those that have yet to be researched. They include:

- Between the Lakes Treaty we have a research report and are doing further research;
- 1847 Relocation we have a research report and currently reviewing it and how to move forward with this claim;
- Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt we have a research report and are currently reviewing it to see how we want to move forward;
- Niagara Treaty; Head of the Lake Treaty; Ajetance Treaty; and the Unsurrendered Lands to the North of our Territory all have yet to be researched.

Maps of all of the Treaties that the MCFN has entered into with the Crown, can be found in the MCFN Treaty Booklet, available upon request, and the MCFN-Members only website.

#### **Questions/Feedback**

Members are welcome, and are encouraged, to participate and learn more about MCFN's land claims. If you have questions or feedback on any of these claims, please contact Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Pillar 3 (Environment and Sustainability), at CathieJ@mncfn.ca.

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#### **Committee Members**

The Land Claims Committee is currently made up of:

Chief Laforme:

Councillor Cathie Jamieson, as Pillar 3 Lead;

Councillor Julie LaForme, as Pillar 7 Lead;

Chief Operating Officer, Kailey Thomson;

Director of Lands Membership and Research, Margaret Sault;

Legal Counsel, Kim Fullerton; and

Legal Counsel, Cait Beresford.

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS**

**Attention: All MCFN Members** 

Aanii Members of the Missisaugas of the Credit First Nation,

We would like to inform you of a series of Governance Engagement Sessions happening throughout 2021.

We encourage you to attend these sessions to learn about with the new, and exciting self-Governance initiatives that MCFN has taken on. As well, to make sure your voice is heard we move forward in this important work. We would like to hear from you in order to make the best decisions for our community.

Topics that will be discussed include, but are not limited to: Peacekeepers, MCFN Constitution, Election Law, Approval Law, Administrative Tribunal.

The upcoming sessions are as follows:

Sat. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 11:00 a.m. (Joining Pillar 4 Lead Veronica King-Jamieson for this session)

Introduction to MCFN Governance work

**Sat. March 13<sup>th</sup>** – 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Approval Law information Session

**Tues. March 23^{rd} - 6:30 \text{ p.m.} - 7:30 \text{ p.m.}** 

Introduction to Peacekeepers

The sessions will be online via Zoom. The sessions will be recorded and shared to the MCFN Members Only website, for those unable to attend.

If you are interested in registering for any of these sessions, or if you have any questions please contact our Governance Communications and Engagement Lead, Georgia LaForme at Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca

Registration deadline is **one day** prior to the session, the zoom link will be sent to those who register.

You can also find more details about MCFN Governance on our website at <a href="http://mncfn.ca/mcfn-members-only/mcfn-governance/">http://mncfn.ca/mcfn-members-only/mcfn-governance/</a>, or contact Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca



#### **Fiber Optics Community Update**

This is a document to inform the Community of the MCFN's progression towards Internet Connectivity and Fiber Optic connection.

In March of 2020, an Internet Connectivity and Fiber Optics group was created as a response to the Covid pandemic to explore the shortfalls in internet service and look for opportunities to provide service the community. This working group consists of Councillor Craig King, Councillor Evan Sault, Councillor Erma Ferrell, Public Works Director Arland Laforme and Chief Operating officer Kailey Thomson. A short and long term plan was decided and work had been done on creating a document which would implement the project to happen in 2 phases.

First phase to address internet connectivity was to assist with the Wireless upgrade happening on the Six Nations Xplornet towers. Our involvement would only be a financial contribution as the project is already underway and we would directly benefit from the upgrades to an extent. The upgrades will add an additional tower in our range of service and upgrade the existing tower strength and coverage in our area. Key core areas of the administration such as Lsk elementary school, Social and Health services and Main administration Building should show improvement with this phase of the plan. Some residential connectivity may also be improved greatly.

Phase two explores opportunity to implement Fiber optics throughout the Territory. This plan was created in phases as well. The first phase of this plan would run Fiber Optics to the two core administration areas of MCFN which are LSK/Social services and The Main Administration building. Connections would be made to all residences being passed by as well. The second phase of Fiber Optics would see full installation of Fiber to all remaining areas not serviced in phase one.

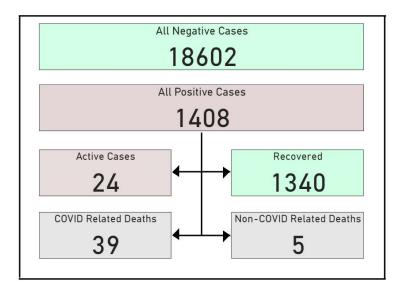
Contact was made with the Six Nations to gather information on their progress towards improving Internet connectivity. Information was shared on proponents they were in discussions with and an outreach for potential joint partnership between the MCFN and Six Nations was discussed. The MCFN working group began to reach out to proponents to gather information on how to service our needs. The Government of Canada announced multiple Internet Connectivity initiatives during this time. MCFN was approached by multiple internet service providers offering assistance with our goal of connectivity from that point on. Multiple presentations were made to the MCFN working group. Information gathered allowed us to have options in what we would like to see in a future relationship with a Service provider.

A request of cost estimates for the project was made to proponents as well as a plan for their vision on how to provide service to the First Nation. Quotes and submissions of plans have been delivered to the MCFN working group. Letters of support have been requested by proponents to submit to a formal Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) Application. These letters were provided along with other detailed information requested.

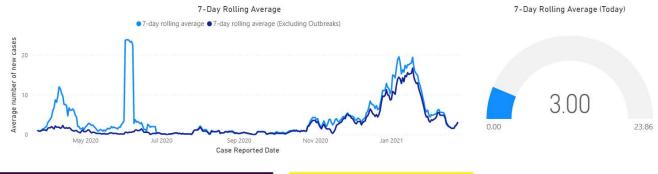
In the meantime Brant County/ Six Nations has been awarded an internet connectivity initiative known as SWIFT (Southwestern Integrated Fiber Technology). We have been informed we may be incorporated into this initiative if areas of connectivity are available. This project has a completion date of mid-2022. Our current UBF application submission may allow for a quicker Fiber Optic installation timeline based on awarding of contract and is not affected by our SWIFT participation. Financial commitments of overall project are currently being discussed and the MCFN working group is making an effort to have all logistics in place upon awarding of contract which should happen hopefully in the Summer Months.

# COVID-19

#### Haldimand Norfolk COVID-19 Statistics (as of Newsletter release date)







**Six Nations COVID-19 Update** 

This page is a snapshot of the cases at the time of the last update.

Updated at 13:30pm Mon-Fri

Update as of:

2/22/21 13:30

#### Six Nations COVID-19 Response Level: Black

Total Cases 259

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Total Resolved 215

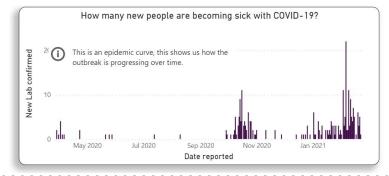
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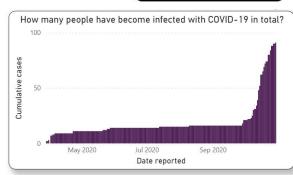
Total Deaths

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**Active Cases** 

41







#### Statement from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation On COVID-19

#### February 18th, 2021.

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group are continuing to actively take precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 within our Nation.

At this time, we have 0 active cases of COVID-19 in the community, 14 have been resolved. In the surrounding communities, Six Nations has 42 active cases, and Haldimand-Norfolk has 15.

#### **MCFN Lockdown**

As previously announced, Chief and Council have extended the Lockdown for our community. This lockdown will be in effect until March 1st, 2021. During this period, please note the following:

- External contractors will not be permitted in MCFN buildings until after March 1st;
- Programs may proceed with on-reserve program pickups, pending staff adhere to enhanced COVID-19 safety protocols;
- Necessary SHS programming will continue, with enhanced COVID-19 precautions in place, including the Flu Shot Clinic, the Immunization Clinic and foot care for seniors;
- All in-person programming will be cancelled for the duration of the lockdown and virtual programming will take place wherever possible
- Visitors or community members will not be permitted in MCFN administration buildings, the phone line will be manned by a receptionist from 8:30am-2:00pm, Monday through Friday, not including the 1 (one) hour lunch period of 12:00pm-1:00pm;
- LMR will be deemed essential for Community Wellness applications and on-reserve status cards

Please note, if you require emergency assistance at this time relating to Social and Health Programs, you can contact their land line at 905-768-1181, and leave a voice mail at the applicable extension of the relevant party.

If you require emergency Administrative support, please contact Kailey Thomson, Chief Operating Officer at 905-979-2957. You also have the option to reach out to any member of Council. If you require other information or supports, I encourage you to look to our website and social media for relevant contact numbers and resources.

#### Lockdown Recommendations

During the MCFN lockdown, it is highly recommended that people restrict their contact to people who live in their own home. For those who live alone, it is recommended that you limit your contact to one close household. We are asking you to please refrain from any public gatherings, especially ones where social distancing is not possible. Virtual gatherings are highly recommended and can serve as a platform to connect with others in a safe manner.

#### **COVID-19 Variants of Concern**

As you are aware, COVID-19 Variants of Concern are circulating within Ontario. In a statement from Indigenous Services Canada, they say at least one of these variants, the "UK variant," is thought to be 30-50% more transmissible than those already established in Canada. There is some evidence that it can cause more severe illness.

#### **Precautions**

We are asking you to take extra steps to prevent the Variants of Concern from spreading in our community. This includes:

- Double masking, or wearing a single mask and a face shield. This it has been proven effective in preventing the transmission of this variant;
- Limiting travel to areas with looser restrictions. It is recommended that your trips are only those of an essential nature only, that being groceries, pharmacy and if necessary, to work;
- Practice physical distancing of 2-metres when out of your home to get essential supplies;
- Continue to wash your hands, and practice good hygiene.

#### **Payments**

During the lockdown, members are encouraged to utilize electronic funds transfers or cheques as a means of paying any MCFN invoices. Once the buildings reopen for regular services, we will be again be able to accept in person payments, with enhanced COVID precautions in place.

#### Testing

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we are encouraging you to get tested. The results can be delivered to you in as quick as 24 hours.

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- Haldimand Norfolk Public Health 519-426-6170, ext. 9999
- Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909
- Brant County Public Health 519-751-5818 or at covid.assessment@bchsys.org

Please note, the MCFN Community Health Office is not a Public Health Office, although it does assist with contact tracing and wellness checks for those who reside on MCFN.

#### **Vaccine**

The Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group currently have a vaccine plan in the works, for when the vaccine becomes available to our community. We are planning to do a dry run of our MCFN Vaccine Clinic in the near future after our vaccine rollout plan is finalized.

Once again, we cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the Public Health guidelines. The MCFN Chief and Council are responsible for making decisions that impact the Membership. If you have any concerns, please contact any member of the table.



# **ATTENTION!**

#### SERVICE CANADA READY TO HELP

Please access our many online services at: Canada.ca/service-canada-home

If you require assistance accessing services, please complete an online request at:

Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service



A Service Canada officer will contact you within 2 business days.

If you do not have access to the internet and require assistance accessing services, please contact us at:

1-877-355-2657

Follow the infection prevention and control guidance provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada available at:

#### Canada.ca/coronavirus

If you experience these symptoms, please contact your health care provider or your local public health unit.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thu
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4:00 pm - 7:00 pm New Credit Youth Group Pick – Up for Grades 3-5 HBHC gift card pickup	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  New Credit Youth Group Pick – Up for Grades 6-8  MCFN Social and Health Services  Water collection	New Credit Youth Group Pickup for high school, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Aambe Zhaabwiitoo'daa – Let's Save It, Anishinaabemowin Language Classes, Online via Zoom 6:00 - 7:30 pm	HBHC gift card pickup Foodbank
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4:00 pm - 7:00 pm New Credit Youth Group Pick – Up for Grades 3-5 HBHC Gift Card Pickup Footcare Womens group kit 1-4	Virtual Hand Drumming & Storytelling, Online via Zoom 5:30 - 6:30 Footcare Water collection New Credit Youth Group Pickup Grade 6-8, 4:00 - 7:00 pm MCFN Social and Health Services Craft kit delivery FIT training 9-1	New Credit Youth Group Pickup for Highschool, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Foot care Aambe Zhaabwiitoo'daa – Let's Save It, Anishinaabemowin Language Classes, Online via Zoom 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Virtual Breastfee Online via Zoom 1:00 - 2:30 p Zoom Bluegrass Concert 7-8 FIT training 9-1 Foodbank Footcare
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	Flu clinic		Breakfast for LSK Students delivery 12:00 - 3:00 pm
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	Flu clinic		Breakfast for LSK Students delivery 12:00 - 3:00 pm
	26	27	28
	Flu clinic		Breakfast for LSK Students delivery 12:00 - 3:00 pm



#### Statement from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation On COVID-19

#### February 12th

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group are continuing to actively take precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 within our Nation.

At this time, we have 1 active case of COVID-19 in the community, 13 have been resolved. In the surrounding communities, Six Nations has 58 active cases, and Haldimand-Norfolk has 49.

#### MCFN Lockdown

Due to the numbers from our neighbors, Chief and Council have extended the Lockdown for our community. This lockdown will be in effect until March 1st, 2021. During this period, please note the following:

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- LMR will be deemed essential for Community Wellness applications and on-reserve status cards;
- External businesses will be provided with a MCFN letter signed by the Chief regarding Public Health recommendations, in terms of indoor gatherings and COVID protocols.

Please note, if you require emergency assistance at this time relating to Social and Health Programs, you can contact their land line at 905-768-1181, and leave a voice mail at the applicable extension of the relevant party. If you require emergency Administrative support, please contact Kailey Thomson, Chief Operating Officer at 905-979-2957. You also have the option to reach out to any member of Council. If you require other information or supports, I encourage you to look to our website and social media for relevant contact numbers and resources.

#### **Lockdown Recommendations**

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#### **Self-Isolation**

If you have been advised to self-isolate, please do not leave your house unless it is a medical emergency, or you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and need to get tested. Stay in regular contact with health-care workers to advise you when your self-isolation period is over.

#### **Payments**

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#### **Testina**

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#### Vaccine

The Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group currently have a vaccine plan in the works, for when the vaccine becomes available to our community. Members of the COVID-19 working group are also sitting on the Haldimand-Norfolk Vaccine Task Force, and will be observing dry runs of how their vaccine clinic will work. We are also planning to do a dry run in the near future after our vaccine rollout plan is finalized.

We are also sitting on the provincial table, shortage of vaccines have limited supplies across Canada. We are hopeful that at the end of March or April we can begin vaccination in the community for those who wish to be vaccinated.

Once again, we cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the Public Health guidelines. We learned during the first wave, that we can effectively curve the spread of COVID-19 when we work together. Let's keep our community safe and ring in a much better and safer 2021.

The MCFN Chief and Council are responsible for making decisions that impact the Membership. If you have any concerns, please contact any member of the table.

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#### Statement from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation on COVID-19

#### **January 29th, 2020**

The MCFN Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group are continuing to actively take precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 within our Nation.

At this time, we have 2 active cases of COVID-19 in the community. The month of January we have had 6 total cases, with 4 resolved.

It is important to note that none of these cases have been community spread, and have been contracted from outside locations. It is recommended that you limit your trips to those of an essential nature only, that being groceries, pharmacy and if necessary, to work. Travel outside of our region is discouraged and out of Province travel is not recommended.

Miigwech to everyone for your diligence in keeping our community safe.

#### **MCFN Lockdown**

As previously announced, Chief and Council have extended the Lockdown for our community. This lockdown will be in effect until February 16th, 2021. During this period, please note the following:

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Please refrain from any public gatherings. Virtual gatherings are highly recommended and can serve as a platform to connect with others in a safe manner.

#### **Precautions**

The MCFN Chief and Council would like to remind everyone how important it is to take personal precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These include:

- Wearing a 3-ply mask that covers your mouth, nose and chin, whenever you are in a situation where you are in contact with others and especially if you are unable to maintain the 2m (6 feet) social distancing. Scarves and bandanas are not deemed sufficient. Please remember to change your mask if it becomes soiled or damp.
- As well, Regular handwashing with soap and warm water is required. If not available, sanitizing your hands with an alcohol based sanitizing solution is recommended.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Ensure you practice good respiratory hygiene. Cover your cough or sneeze with your bent elbow or tissue, then dispose of the tissue immediately.

If you so choose, the COVID Alert App is available for download. This is a free exposure notification app used to protect yourself and loved ones. More information is available at the following address: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html

#### **Testing**

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#### Vaccine

The goal of Canada's COVID-19 immunization response is to enable Canadians to be immunized as quickly as possible against COVID-19, with high-risk populations as a priority. This includes:

Elderly residents and staff of congregate living arrangements such as long-term care facilities, retirement homes and other care for seniors;

Front-line health-care workers;

Those in living or working conditions with elevated risk for infection or disproportionate consequences, including Indigenous communities.

The Ministry of Health is working with partners to plan next steps for when additional vaccine supply is restored to Ontario. The Chief and Council and the COVID-19 Working Group will continue to keep an eye on this situation and will update accordingly.

Once again, we cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the Public Health guidelines. We learned during the first wave, that we can effectively curve the spread of COVID-19 when we work together. Let's keep our community safe and ring in a much better and safer 20228

# **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Policy Analyst/Writer**

Closing Date: March 4, 2021 @ 12:00PM

The Policy Analyst/Writer provides support to the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs by conducting research, analyzing current and proposed legislation and assisting with writing laws for the Mississaugas of the Credit First

#### Peacekeeper's Coordinator

Closing Date: March 4th, 2021 at 12:00pm

To work with the MCFN Governance Committee, Pillar 7, and the Peacekeepers Sub-Committee to coordinate and organize the creation and implementation of a MCFN Peacekeepers Program, reflective of the historical, cultural, and values of the Anishinaabe people and to engage the MCFN Community during the development of the Peacekeepers Program, ensuring that the values, responsibilities, and practices are reflective of their needs.

#### Children's Mental Health Worker

Closing Date: March 4, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

Responsible for providing support to the community by identifying individuals who are in a high risk situation or expressing early signs and symptoms; providing individual/group counselling and service planning for children/youth up to 18 years of age, and assisting with the general unit administration.

#### **Public Works - Casual Worker**

This casual worker position will be required to fill-in at Community Centre and LSK Caretaker positions which require a Vulnerable Check, in addition to Custodian absenteeism. Duties may include, but will not be limited to lawn maintenance, building and/ or rental unit cleaning and/or maintenance, snow removal, water meter reading, etc.

Closing Date: Open Call

#### **Childcare Casual RECE and EarlyON Facilitator**

The RECE will supervise the children in the assigned classroom in accordance with the philosophy and program

statement of the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre, maintaining compliance with all provincial and federal legislation requirements. The EarlyON Facilitator will be responsible for creating the development and delivery of inclusive and culturally responsive and appropriate learning environment that reflects effective practices; facilitating developmentally appropriate, educational, supportive and interactive programs that address unique community needs.

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Supply Teacher

The teacher is 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. The teacher will treat all students in a fair and equitable manner. The teacher will adhere to the Ontario College of Teachers Foundations of Professional Practice, including Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession, Standards of Practice for the Teaching Profession and the Professional Framework for the Teaching Profession.

Closing Date: Open Call

#### **After School Program Assistant**

The After School Program Assistant is responsible for assisting the Community Wellness Worker with the afterschool care of attendees of the MCFN afterschool

program.

Closing Date: Open Call for Resumes

#### **Casual Receptionist**

Provides central reception to staff, Council, and guests at the Band Office, maintain the reception area, mail room and communications room (logging incoming/outgoing mail, distributing mail to relevant departments and updating general information materials in the office, orders office supplies as required, maintaining inventory, logging and distributing general materials such as purchase orders, expense claims and invoice requests.

Closing Date: Open Call

#### Casual Registered Early Childhood Educator -

#### **Afterschool Program**

The Registered Early Childhood Educator – Afterschool Program worker is responsible for providing afterschool care for the five year old attendees of the Afterschool Program.

Closing Date: Open Call

For detailed job descriptions and to apply, please visit www.mncfn.ca/job-board

#### MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

# 2021 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

# **EARLY BIRD NOTICE**

# **BE FIRST TO KNOW**

**REGISTER WITH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING** 

For priority access to summer employment opportunities contact: michele.king@mncfn.ca or nicole.haradyn@mncfn.ca

available jobs to be posted in April to www.mncfn.ca/job-board/



659 New Credit Rd. Building 2 Hagersville ON, NOA 1H0 T: (905) 768-1181 x 223

F: (905) 768-0404

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# MCFN EarlyON

#### MCFN EarlyON Weekly Virtual Schedule

Monday to Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 am- Mental	9:30 am- Mental	9:30 am- Mental	9:30 am- Mental	9:30 am- Mental
Health/Community	Health/Community	Health/Community	Health/Community	Health/Community
Resources post by	Resources post by	Resources post by	Resources post by	Resources post by
Jolene Hill SSW	Jolene Hill SSW	Jolene Hill SSW	Jolene Hill SSW	Jolene Hill SSW
10:30 am-	10:30 am-	10:30 am-	10:30 am-	10:30 am-
Breakfast/Snack	Breakfast/Snack	Breakfast/Snack	Breakfast/Snack	Breakfast/Snack
recipe post by Shelby	recipe post by	recipe post by Shelby	recipe post by	recipe post by Shelby
Riddell RECE	Bridgette Ferreira	Riddell RECE	Bridgette Ferreira	Riddell RECE
	RECE		RECE10	
11:00 am- Circle Time	11:00 am- Mother	11:30 am- Activity of	11:00 am- Circle Time	11:00 am- Mental
video with Shelby	Goose ZOOM with	the Day by Bridgette	ZOOM with Shelby	Health ZOOM with
Riddell RECE	Bridgette and	Ferreira RECE	and Bridgette	Jolene Hill
	Shelby10			
11:30 am- Activity of	11:30 am- Activity of	1:30 pm- Mother	11:30 am- Activity of	11:30 am- Forest
the Day by Bridgette	the Day by Shelby	Goose Video with	the Day by Shelby	Fridays with Bridgette
Ferreira RECE	Riddell RECE	Bridgette Ferreira RECE	Riddell RECE	Ferreira RECE
2:00 pm- Cultural	2:00 pm- Cultural	2:00 pm- Sharing	2:00 pm- Cultural	2:00 pm- Cultural
Activity by Laura Reid	Activity by Laura Reid	Circle ZOOM with	Activity by Laura Reid	Activity by Laura Reid
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Word of the Day by	Word of the Day by	Word of the Day by	Word of the Day by	Word of the Day by
Laura Reid	Laura Reid	Laura Reid	Laura Reid	Laura Reid
3:00 pm- Dinner	3:00 pm- Dinner	3:00 pm- Dinner	3:00 pm- Dinner	3:00 pm- Dinner
recipe post by Shelby	Recipe post by	recipe post by Shelby	Recipe post by	recipe post by Shelby
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# Dolly Parton Imagination Library Registration



The MCFN EarlyON is pleased to announce that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library will be available to MCFN Band Member families living on and off the territory with children between the ages of 0-5. This initiative is being funded through the MCFN Community Trust.

Please go to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Website at www. imaginationlibrary.com and click CHECK AVAILABILITY, then choose CANADA, then use N0A1H0 as the postal code.

This will take you to the MCFN page where you can register your child! If you require assistance with registering please email Katharine.brown@mncfn.ca.

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#### A Free Book Gifting Program

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Canada is a free book gifting program devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Each month, enrolled children receive a high quality, age appropriate book in the mail, free of charge. Children receive books from birth to age five.

#### ATTENTION !!!

The deadline to submit a Covid-19 Support Reimbursement Application has been extended.

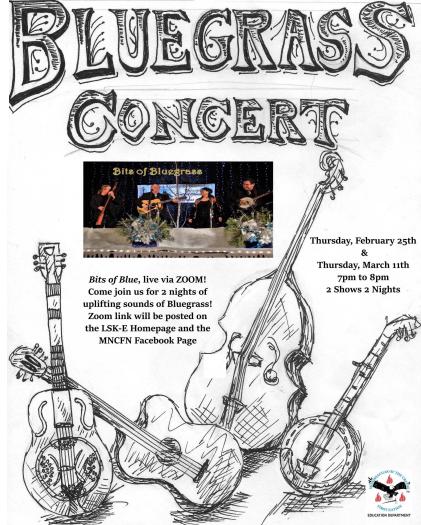
The revised deadline for submitting applications is

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Applications are available on the website www.mncfn.ca

Contact the Education Clerk for further information at education.clerk@mncfn.ca





# **HOUSING**

#### Housing Repair/Renovation & Sanitation (HRRS) and/or CMHC/RRAP Program

This is a program to improve the quality of your home and to address all MANDATORY Health, Safety, & Structural deficiencies in and outside of your home.

HRRS applications can be picked up at the Housing Department (Agimaw Gamig Building-Band Administration) or you may call the Housing Department to have an application mailed and/or emailed to you. Applications are to be returned to the Housing Department on or before and no later than March 31, 2021.

Once all applications received by the deadline date:

- 1) Inspections will be set up to inspect your home identifying not only the repairs you request but also to identify all Mandatory Health, Safety, Structural deficiencies.
- 2) A Specification report is then completed by the inspector and you will be asked to attend the Housing Department to view/discuss the specification report.
- 3) You will then be required to obtain 2 estimates per item listed on the specification report.

#### **HOUSING NEW PROGRAM**

Housing-New applications are ongoing and can be picked up anytime throughout the year. You may attend the Housing Department (Agimaw Gamig Building-Band Administration) to pick up an application or you can call the Housing Department and have a Housing-New application mailed to you.

Once your housing application has been submitted and checked to ensure that all questions/ information have been answered, signed, and dated, the HD will stamp it received and you will be placed on the housing-new list, provided you meet program eligibility.

Thereafter, each and every year, you will receive notification by letter of your placement number on the housing list as you move up the list.

There are presently approximately 103 individuals listed on the housing new list as of this date (January 13, 2021).

NOTE:

CERTIFICATE OF POSSESSION IS MANDATORY TO BE ON FILE, BEFORE BEING APPROVED TO BUILD.

#### **Townline Estates - Rental Units**

Rental Applications can be picked up at Housing Department (Agimaw Gamig Building-Band Administration) or emailed to you at your request throughout the year. Please note: All rental units are currently full and the leases are renewed every two (2) years, at which time, the tenant has an option to renew for another two (2) years. Please keep in mind, that when the Housing Department is considering an applicant for occupancy, rental units are family-oriented, also considers how many band members can be housed without overcrowding the unit and current living conditions at the time of applying.

Other First Nation Band Members or Non Members are considered should there be no MCFN Band members to fill the vacancies.

Housing Department (905)-768-1133

Lorraine LaForme (Housing Director) – ext 235

Alicia Maracle-Sault (Housing Assistant) – ext 230 – currently on leave

Raymond Hill-Johnson (Technical Resource Manager) – ext 227

Ryan Thomas – (Technical Resource Support) - ext 239

NOTE: Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, all health and safety rules are being followed resulting in slower responses to emails/phone messages etc.

#### March Break Blitz Pick up Kits

TUESDAY 16	WEDNESDAY 17	THURSDAY 18	FRIDAY 19
Bird House Kits	S'mores kits and wieners	Bingo Game with prizes	Puzzles and a movie
Kits will need to be	to roast		
assembled and decorated		Colouring sheets	DIY Dessert kit
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Light snack provided	riding	Pizza kits	
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Due to COVID, March Break will be pick up kits.

Text Leslie Maracle at 519-732-5407 to register for the events from Tuesday to Friday.

Contact LauraLee Kelly to register for the meal kit at <a href="LauraLee.Kelly@mncfn.ca">LauraLee.Kelly@mncfn.ca</a>.

Kits can be picked up at Social and Health main entrance on Monday, March 15th between 3-6 pm.

Once you complete your activity you can email a photo to <a href="mailto:leslie.maracle@mncfn.ca">leslie.maracle@mncfn.ca</a> to receive a ballot for a chance to win 1 of 2 prizes.

Feb / March 2021 29

# Mental Health Resources & Counselling Services

MCFN Adult Mental Health Worker-Faith Rivers	905-536-7863
Faith.Rivers@mncfn,ca	

Haldimand Norfolk Reach Services 24/7 days a week 519-587-2441 x 350 Townsend, Ontario www.hnreach.on.ca 1-800-265-8087

 Qualia Counselling Services – 4 locations
 Main Line
 1-844-380-3228

 www.qualiacounselling.com
 Six Nations
 1-519-445-1929

 Brantford
 1-519-720-9922

 Kitchener
 1-519-804-4450

Lori Gill (Non-Insured Health Benefits)
Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre
For Healing (ATTCH)

Niagara On 1-905-684-9333
The Lake

Non Insured Health Benefits: Ask for Counselling for Mental Health www.sac-isc.gc.ca

www.attch.org

Main Office 1-800-640-0642

#### You are Not Alone

#### 24 hour Crisis Lines to Talk or Text:

United Way Worldwide (Free Confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people of all ages, from all communities to essential health and human services they need 24 hr./day 7 days a week.)	Dial	211
Victim Services Haldimand/ New Credit	1-800-	264-6671
First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line	1-855-	242-3310
Six Nations Crisis Line	1-866-	445-2204
Kids Help Phone Text: CONNECT to 686868	1-800-	668-6868
Crisis Assessment and Support Team (CAST)	1-866-	487-2278
Ontario Mental Health Help Line	1-866-	-531-2600



Mental Health is Sponsoring:

#### BABY MOCCASIN MAKING WORKSHOP

MARCH 30 & 31, 2021

5PM - 8 PM

ZOOM WORKSHOP WILL BE LED BY: YOTAKAHRON JONATHAN

Registration is open to MCFN On Reserve Members only, 18 and up. Spots are limited to 20 participants. Registration deadline is March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4 pm.

Please email Faith Rivers to register at

Faith.Rivers@mncfn.ca or call 905-768-1181 x 238.

Voicemail's will be redirected to the email above.

Submit a photo of your completed pouch to be entered into a draw for a "Door Prize"

"Register early to secure your spot"

Porch Drop off will be March 29 2021



Mental Health will be sponsoring:

# A LEATHER POUCH MAKING EVENT

MARCH 25, 2021 TIME: 5 PM TO 8 PM ZOOM WORKSHOP WILL BE LED BY LISSA LAVALLEE

Registration is open to On Reserve Members only, 14 to 24 years old. Spots are limited to 20 participants. Registration deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4 pm.

Please email Faith Rivers to register at Faith.Rivers@mncfn.ca or call 905-768-1181 x 238. Voicemails will be redirected to the email above.

Submit a photo of your completed pouch to be entered into a draw for a "Door Prize"

Register early to secure you spot!





TO: Mobile Cancer Screening Coach Client and Partners

FROM: Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Regional Cancer Program

RE: HNHB Mobile Cancer Screening Coach Service

**Resumption Update** 

Dear Clients and Partners,

We are writing to provide you with an update on Mobile Cancer Screening Coach services following the lifting of the provincial lockdown order in some of the communities that we serve earlier this week.

We continue to monitor trends in the rate of COVID-19 in our region to assess the impact of these recent policy changes and seek advice from our partners as we work towards a safe timeline for resumption of services. We hope to confirm a re-opening date for late March sometime in the next few weeks if current trends continue.

Staff are available to answer questions about screening and assist with connecting clients to other options in the community if desired. Clients are encouraged to call 905-975-4467 if they have any questions or concerns. Information on screening recommendations and resources during the pandemic can also be found on our website: <a href="https://hnhbscreenforlife.ca/covid-19/patients/">https://hnhbscreenforlife.ca/covid-19/patients/</a>. You can like and follow us on Facebook (@screenforlifecoach) for the most up-to-date information.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to being back on the road soon. Please do not hesitate to contact Riley Crotta, Manager, Regional Cancer Programs at rcrotta@hamilton.ca or 905-521-2100 ext. 63007 should you have any questions or concerns.



Participants will learn the fundamentals of painting/ techniques in a fun & positive environment

The Importance of mental health & healing through the arts

The spiritual significance/history of the Woodland Art form in Indigenous communities

Basic cultural competency understanding & artistic confidence

Priority registration will be given to those who are trying to quit or reduce their use of Commercial Tobacco, in keeping hands & minds busy. Limited spots available until filled, all painting supplies and resources will be provided (curbside pickup) March 22, 2021 from 3:00pm-5:00pm at MCFN Social & Health Services (front door), link to the class will be sent via email.

Please register at: lauralee.kelly@mncfn.ca

# **COVID Alert**

Download the app to protect yourself and your community.

The COVID Alert app lets you know if you may have been exposed to the virus. You can then get tested and keep you and your community safe. The app is voluntary. The more people who choose to use it, the more effective we will be at stopping the spread of COVID-19.



#### **COVID Alert is:**

- Free. Download it in Apple and Google app stores.
- Easy to use. Install it and stay safe on your daily journey.
- Safe and private. It never collects your health information, location, or identity.



Protect yourself. Protect others. **Download Canada's COVID Alert app.**Available in the Apple or Google app stores.







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Victim Services want you to know during these uncertain times YOU are NOT alone. YOU MATTER.

We know everyone's emotional and physical health is being impacted.

We also know personal tragedies and crimes such as sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking continue to occur.

We want you to know we are HERE for YOU.

Victim Services of Haldimand Norfolk Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation continue to offer our services while maintaining required safety measures.

YOU are NOT alone. For support please call 1-800-264-6671

# **BUSINESS SECTION**



Offering Virtual Tea Leaf Readings and Traditional Counselling



EdebwedOgichidaa-Val King, Chartered Herbalist Please call 519-802-7015 for appointment.



Offering lunch time delivery to local area. Everything homemade....burgers, corn soup, chili, sconedogs, salads, fruit, veggie and kabossa trays and more.

Call to place order....732 New Credit Rd.

Hours 11am to 3pm for lunch, 4pm to 7pm for dinner The Business Section is free advertising for MCFN Members who own businesses.
Take advantage of this free advertising!
CONTACT:
communications@
mncfn.ca









Instagram: kc\_sweets

Dreamcatcher Florals by Dianne

8 Anishnabek Street New Credit Reserve

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