



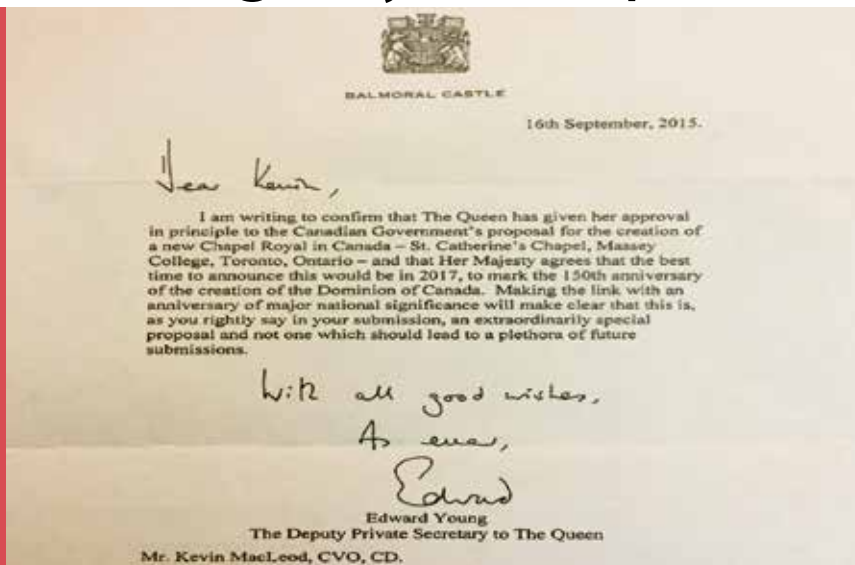
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Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Recognized During Royal Chapel Designation



The Official
Royal Letter

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Located in downtown Toronto at the University of Toronto, the St. Catherine Chapel is located within the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This designation is a momentous occasion as prior to this designation, there were only two royal chapels located in Ontario. This is the third Royal Chapel designation to occur in Canada, and the first to be dedicated to the Mississaugas.

April 24th marked a special occasion for the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, as the nation was recognized in the Royal designation of the St. Catherine's Chapel of Massey College. Chief Stacey Laforme and Carolyn King were in atten-

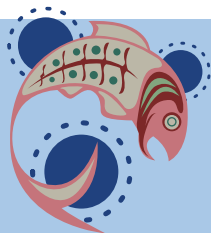
dance to represent the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation during the historic designation ceremony. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, David Zimmer, and Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, were also in attendance for the special tribute.

St. Catherine's Chapel is a non-denominational space of worship boasting beautiful white oak arches and a stunning byzantine altar. To visit the space or to learn more, visit www.masseycollege.ca

Vision Statement in Ojibwe:

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 mimiingaaazwaad (what was given to them by Creation, what they always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).

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



Eaglepress Newsletter

The Eaglepress newsletter is available for download at newcreditfirstnation.com; we encourage members to view the online version rather than subscribing to print to help us care for Mother Earth and save print and postage costs. Once we get rolling with this new format, each issue will go to print on the first working day of each month and should be received approximately one week later.

The Eaglepress will continue to evolve with new features and information. If you have suggestions for the newsletter, please contact:

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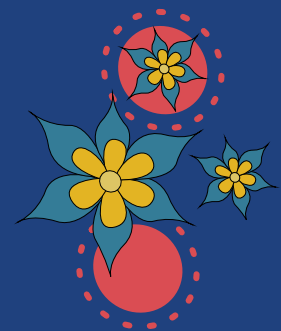
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Elected Chief and Council at Hiawatha First Nation
Pow wow.
[Photo courtesy of Caitlin LaForme]



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April/May in Review:

Message from Chief Stacey LaForme

Council is planning to hold a strategic planning session in the near future. Once Chief and Council have completed some preliminary work, we would like to update and involve the membership to chart a path forward. Too many times a different Chief and Council means a different direction, yet if we involve membership, if it has your stamp of approval, it becomes a guide for our future. A long journey we can set and ensure that future leadership respects.

Improving communication with our membership is a clear priority for Council. In January we began holding Monthly Gatherings for members and their families. These gatherings have been an excellent way for us, as a Council to connect with our membership. At each Monthly Gathering we have the opportunity to listen, share information, and chat over a good meal. We have also started sharing information through Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to not only improve communication with our members across the world, but with other First Nations, Indigenous organizations, and anyone interested in learning more about our rich history and culture.

This month we are releasing the first issue of the redesigned Eaglepress Newsletter. This newsletter shares information on Council meetings and activities, departments, community initiatives, culture, history, and information for you, our membership. Please let us know what you think!

We are also building relationships with governments and First Nations organizations. At home we are working with the New Credit Cultural Committee who met with Regular Council in April to discuss the MNCFN Pow wow and traditional gathering. The meeting was a very positive step forward and we look forward to discussing the possible future relocation of the Pow wow at an upcoming MNCFN Monthly Gathering.



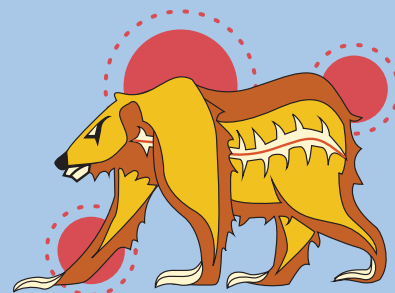
Chief LaForme films welcome message for the 2017 Invictus Games.

[Photo courtesy of Brittney Sault]

The Pan Am Games brought tremendous exposure to MNCFN throughout our traditional territory, we are continuing on with this exposure taking every opportunity to ensure everyone knows and respects the lands of the Mississaugas. We were the host First Nation for the Little NHL and the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, both of which were held in the city of Mississauga.

We are contacted on a daily basis for input and involvement in various events and initiatives. Some of these events are very large in scale such as the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto, for which we are the Host First Nation, and the World Expo 2025 bid.

An MNCFN Major Events Committee was established in April to determine and implement our involvement in such events. This committee will report to Council



Message from the Chief (Cont...)

on a regular basis. Although most issues at this committee to date have been athletic events, we anticipate that this will evolve to include many different areas such as Health, Social and Education.

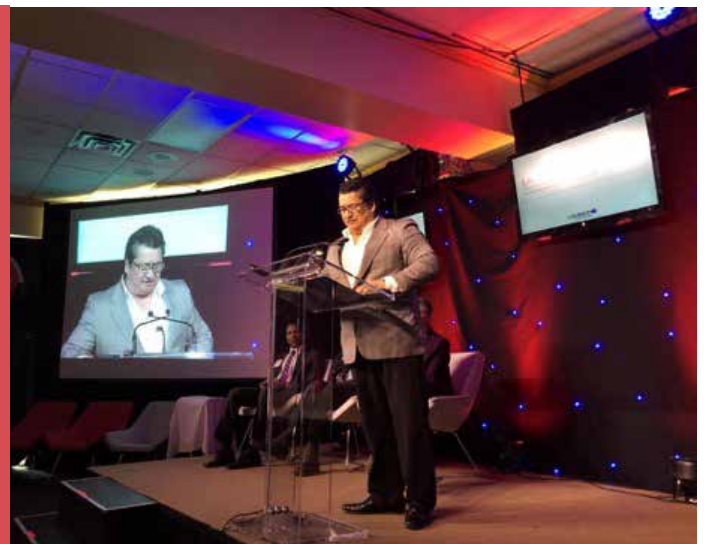
To assist with the great demand for our time and information about the Mississaugas of the Credit we have developed a Communication department that has a Director, a writer and a Culture and Events Coordinator. The Culture and Events Coordinator has been busy establishing a pool of resources for this First Nation; such as elders, cultural practitioners, and people who have special skills that can benefit the Nation at various events.

The energizing of the Mississaugas Nation is not only a much needed political alliance, it is a social responsibility. Council met with the other five Mississaugas Nations at Hiawatha for a two day meeting and Grand entry at the Hiawatha Pow wow. We expect to move closer to a formal relationship among the Mississaugas where we work together on common challenges. All Nations have approved a contact to coordinate an elders/youth summit to discuss the history of the Mississaugas Nation. We are coordinating a leadership team of economic development people from each First Nation to look at joint financial wealth opportunities for the Nation. We will be advertising for a Nationhood symbol/logo in each of the Nations.

The Human Rights challenge that MNCFN has against the Federal Government regarding the inequity of services related to High Cost Special Needs on and off-reserve was scheduled to begin at the tribunal level this month. Chief and Council along with legal have determined that we are

going to postpone the tribunal level because of the positive steps shown by the Government in regards to settlement of the complaint.

We are actively engaged with many potential economic partners and are anticipating a wealth creation forum/strategy session that will set a strategic direction for wealth creation. The creation of wealth is a small part of our overall agenda for moving this



First Nation forward but it is an important part.

The Mississaugas of the New Credit Chief and Council are unified and dedicated to the future of this First Nation.

Chief R. Stacey LaForme

Teachings From Our Elders....

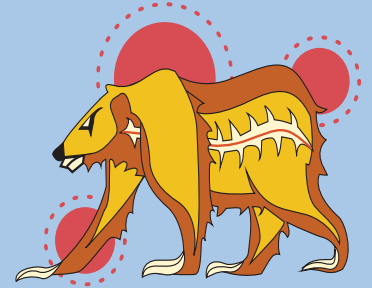
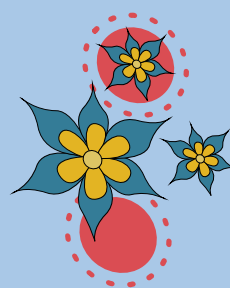
"... It's the time of year when the spring time is coming to us; it's part of our past. We know this moon as the omakakii-yiizis – He who buries himself in the earth. The frog. This is the creatures that [we all] associate with spring when we hear their sounds. In the Anishinaabe world, they're very important to us just as the thunderbirds. The thunderbirds play an important part [in the lives of Anishinaabe people] as when the thunderbirds come from the south to the north, the earth begins to shake because of their song. And when they do that the earth shakes, and this mixes up Mginikik, and he comes out and he sings, he sings a beautiful song so he can call a mate. It's beautiful to listen to them because it's like a choir – one will start here, another will start in another part of the bush and pretty soon they are all together singing the same song... We as anishinaabe people should take a lesson from the frogs and sing the same song all together so it will be a beautiful thing to listen to."

- As told by Elder Garry Sault



Elder Garry Sault performing prayer during the Three Fires Ceremony held in July 2015.

[Photo courtesy of Ward Laforme]



Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Historical Tidbit:

The Chippewa Union School located on the S ½ of Lot 2 Con 1 of Oneida Township on MNCFN territory serviced the children of New Credit and the nearby families of Walpole Township. Superintendent of Indian Affairs Gilkison reported, in a letter of 12 March 1873 to Ottawa, on the attendance at the school between July and December of 1872. 55 students were to attend the school for the 104 instructional days contained within the time period. Gilkison reported that the average rate of attendance at the school was about 26%. Some students attended as few as 5 days during the period while others had perfect atten-

dance. Perfect attendance was achieved by two New Credit students -9 year old Lochlan Herkimer for the boys and 9 year old Annie McDougall for the girls.

The school was eventually closed and the building relocated. Many community members will remember the old school as the old white clapboard structure that functioned as the concession stand near the present ball diamond.

- Presented by Darin P. Wybenga,
MNCFN Public Library

CULTURE & HISTORY

Let's Learn Ojibwe:

Spring-Time Words...

Warm Weather - Aabaawaa [AH-BAA-WAA]

Bee- Aamoo [AH-MOO]

Rain- Gimiwan [KEY-MEWAN]

Woodtick - Ezigaa

Thunder - Animikiikaa [ANN-AM-KEY-KA]

Fly - Ojii [O-JEE]

Flowers - Waabigwan [WAH-BEEG-WAN]

Mosquito - Zagime [ZAAK-E-MAY]

Robin - Opichi [O-PEE-JII]

Egg- Waawan [WAA-ONE]

Lightning - Waasmowin [WASH-MO-WIN]

Fly - Bimibizho [BIME-E-BAY-ZOO]

Sun - Giizis [GEE-ZIS]

Feather - Mingwan [MINK-WAN]

Puddle Boots - Makizinaan [MUG-KEY-SIN-AN]

Mud - Azhaski [AH-ZASH-KEY]

Rain Coat - Babiinzikawaagan
[PUB-BEEN-ZIK-A-WAH-GUN]

Turtle - Mikinaak [ME-KEEN-AAK]

Hat - Wiikwan [WEAK-WAN]

Bird - Bineshi [BEEN-EH-SEE]

- Translation provided by Tena Sault

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In Council... Infrastructure & Development

The following are highlights of the April 4th, 2016 MNCFN Infrastructure and Development Council meeting. For full details, please see the minutes which are available 4-5 weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com

Flooding Summary

Six Nations Environmental Technician and former MNCFN Council Member, Clynt King, presented to Council about a project that will help identify watershed and remediation within our community in efforts to reduce the effects of climate change and flooding. A joint project between Six Nations of the Grand River and the MNCFN, named the Boston Creek Master Drainage and Flood Remediation, will be included in the final phase of the project. More updates will be provided as the project unfolds.

Union of Ontario Indians

Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee and Deputy Chief Glen Hare provided an overview of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) of which the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are not a member. The UOI is composed for 40 First Nations across Ontario and has its head office in Nipissing.

Secure Certificates of Indian Status

The Acting Director of Lands, Membership and Research informed Chief and Council that some seniors are having difficulty renewing their new Certificate of Indian Status Cards. When renewing these cards a band member has to submit two passport pictures and other documentation if necessary such as marriage certificates. This is difficult for seniors as this renewal process has to take place at the Indian Affairs Office in Brantford. Once a band member has obtained this new card, they cannot revert back to the orange laminated cards. It was also pointed out that when a senior passes away a status card is required to apply for the Estate Policy.

The resulting motion (#5) was passed: “That the MNCFN Infrastructure and Development Council agrees to have the Chief send a letter to Mr. Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada informing them the process for obtaining/renewing the new Secure Certificates of Indian Status is not acceptable as it creates a hardship on Elderly and Disabled Band Members. And further, Chief LaForme will bring this issue to the attention of the Assembly of First Nations and Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Animal Control

Lands, Membership and Research has been working on an Animal Control solution for MNCFN so that community members have someone to call when they see animals acting strangely. This issue is of key concern because of the current increased risk of rabies on MNCFN. A contract for animal control has been issued with no response.

The resulting motion (#6) was passed: “That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council directs LRM Department to continue to meet with Six Nations to investigate the possibility of retaining Six Nations Animal Control Officers and/or investigate other alternatives on a Service Agreement.”

Townline Estates Beautification Project

The following motion (#7) was passed: “That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the Executive Director to sign the Playground Construction Agreement pertaining to Beautification of Townline Estates, Phase 1 – total cost up to \$198,273.59. Dollars will come from the Enterprise Fund.

In Council...

Education & Social Services

The following are highlights of the April 11th, 2016 MNCFN Education and Social Services Council meeting. For full details, please see the minutes which are available 4-5 weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy

The Honourable Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services sent a letter to Chief LaForme in March requesting that MNCFN formally join “the leadership and technical processes” of the Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy. The provincial Ministry states that the “strategy will focus on building community-driven, integrated and culturally appropriate supports to help Aboriginal children and young people grow up healthy and reach their full potential.” Chief and Council requested information on a possible upcoming meeting on the issue.

Mississaugas Nation Gathering at Hiawatha First Nation

Chief Cowie, of Hiawatha First Nation invited the other 5 Mississaugas Nations to Hiawatha for a political gathering on May 19th and 20th followed by a Pow wow on May 21st and 22nd. Chief Cowie also suggested some agenda items for the gathering and welcomed drums, eagle staffs, and flags from each First Nation.

MNCFN Chief and Council reviewed previous discussions and noted that this is the 3rd such meeting with the last being held at Mississaugi 8. It was noted that the Nations should not lose focus on common issues such as MRP, Education, Health etc. The possibility of preparing a presentation for the gathering was also discussed as was the importance of learning more about the other Mississaugas Nations.



Councillor Evan Sault with Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie participating in an engagement session at the Art Gallery of Mississauga.

[Photo courtesy of Deanna Dunham]

High Speed Rail

The Government of Ontario is investigating the potential for a High Speed Rail transportation corridor from Toronto to Windsor. The Honourable David Collenette is the special advisor to the Government of Ontario on the project and is responsible for building a business case, identifying potential financing and initial consultation.

The MNCFN Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) hired an independent consultant to identify potential areas of opportunity for the MNCFN and produced a report. DOCA Director Mark LaForme recommended a presentation to Mr. Collenette and the following motion was passed:

“That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to a special meeting with Chief and Council and Mr. Collenette on April 27, 2016 to provide the opportunity for MNCFN to present and provide Mr. Collenette with the consultation and engagement expectations of the MNCFN regarding the proposed Toronto-to-Windsor High Speed Rail Project.”

EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Further information on this project is available on page 23.

Major Events Committee

The Aboriginal Leadership Partners (ALP), a group of representatives from various

Indigenous groups that was formed for the Pan Am Games, met in Toronto on March 24th, 2016. The ALP intends to continue in a long-term format to work with major event organizers in the Greater Toronto Area. The Media and Communications Director identified a need for MNCFN to take a lead role in the rein-

vention of the ALP and further noted that there is a need to establish clear direction on MNCFN involvement in major events within MNCFN's traditional territory. The establishment of a Major Events Committee was recommended and approved with a budget of \$13,000 to be funded through the Enterprise Fund. More information on the Major Events Committee is available on page 13.

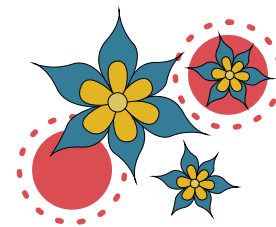


Honorariums

The need for consistent honorariums was discussed and the following motion was passed: "That the MNCFN Education and Social Services Council approves that honorarium for all meetings ie. New Credit Representatives on various outside committees such as the Heritage Mississauga Rep, Elders and Youth, the Drum Group etc. will be \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) right across the board effective Monday, April 11, 2016."

Spring Clean-up

Funding for the annual MNCFN Spring Clean-up was requested by the acting director of Lands, Research and Membership. \$2000 was requested to be transferred from Special Event Funding for delivery, pick up, and emptying of bins; and to purchase gloves, garbage bags, and bottled water for members participating in roadside clean up.



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Regular Council

Regular Council April 18th

The following are highlights of the April 18th, 2016 MNCFN Regular Council meeting. For full details, please see the minutes which are available 4-5 weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com

Police Incident Report

Fourteen incidences were reported for the month of March, 2016. This is down from 30 incidences in 2015 and 22, in 2014. The Ministry of Transportation has delayed development of the lights at Hwy 6 and Mississauga Rd. for unknown reasons which will be investigated.

MNCFN Pow wow Committee

The New Credit Cultural Committee was invited to Regular Council to discuss the Mississaugas of the New Credit 30th Pow wow and Traditional Gathering. The cultural committee expressed their frustration with their relationship with Chief and Council since being removed from Council 30 years ago. The committee relayed the difficulties they face raising funds for the Pow wow each year and noted the dilapidated state of the pow wow structures.

MNCFN Chief and Council emphasized that this is a new Council that is eager to discuss the issues facing the pow wow and work together while having "open and honest dialogue". The cultural committee was also recognized as being "integral to this community".

The Cultural Committee Chair requested the Pow wow discussion be brought to the membership at a monthly gathering. Chief and Council agreed and assigned the Media and Communications department to work with the cultural committee on a presentation for the May 2016 Monthly Gathering to gather input from the membership on the

possible relocation of the pow wow to the grounds of the former Green Willow. In the interim, the Director of Sustainable Economic Development was asked to take the cultural committee on a tour on the Green Willow grounds.

Strategic Planning Session

Councillor Margaret Sault identified a need to set goals and develop a long term plan regarding governance and public accountability. Councillor M. Sault noted that since orientation in January, Council has been in "reaction mode" dealing with issues stemming from the previous council and there is no clear vision or direction for the community regarding governance. The recommendation was made and passed to direct the Executive Director or her designate to obtain 3 quotes from consultants to assist in the development of a strategic planning process.

Roof Repairs on Industrial Building

MNCFN Regular Council approved up to \$5000 for repairs to Industrial Building roof over Wingers with funds coming from TO Purchase Community Development Fund.

Chief and Council Plaques for the Community Centre

Councillor Erma Ferrell explained that plaques have been purchased and are to be placed in the Community Centre. Pictures of the Chiefs were purchased and framed to hang above their plaques. Currently only nineteen of the thirty three Chiefs were located, re-photographed and framed. Place holders in the form of frames are needed to secure a spot for future location and/or purchase of the fourteen remaining Chiefs. A budget of \$1000 was approved to cover the cost 14 frames prepared for hanging and 14 pictures from the Toronto Library.

In Council....

Executive Finance

Executive Finance Council – April 25th

The following are highlights of the April 25th, 2016 MNCFN Executive Finance Council meeting. For full details, please see the minutes which are available 4-5 weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com

Community Centre Upgrades

The Media and Communications Director brought forward recommendations and a budget for upgrades to the MNCFN Community Centre. The upgrades included a podium and kitchen equipment. A direction was given to work with Public Works and the Infrastructure Maintenance Worker to determine a finalized cost of the upgrades, and further, that the upgrades would occur under the Public Works Department who is responsible for the Community Centre.

Presentation on XTM

Marilyn Shaffer of XTM presented to Chief and Council on the Pan Am “You Are Welcome” campaign. The campaign was presented as a success with \$49m dollars of “earned media” from the \$1.39m investment made by MNCFN. The food truck was particularly successful and was listed as the #2 best surprise of Pan Am as reported by the Toronto Star.

Ms. Shaffer clarified that XTM has never been part of Paymobile but worked on the promotion of the Paymobile cards. These mastercards are still available for purchase and may be reloaded through the youarewelcome2015.com website. XTM’s contract with MNCFN ended in August 2015 but there are opportunities for the “You Are Welcome” campaign to continue.

Eaglepress Redesign

The Media & Communications Department proposed a redesigned Eaglepress newsletter that incorporates the social and health services newsletter. Council instructed the Media and Communications director to provide further details on costs including postage and 3 printing quotes.

Employee Morale/Employee Recognition Program

Direction was given previously for Councillor Casey Jonathan to meet with the Human Resource Manager to bring back ideas on ways to build employee morale within the MNCFN. The parties met twice and discussed both short and long-term goals. The recommendations brought forward at this time focus on immediate items and could be easily implemented and provide immediate positive impact. An outline for the Employee Recognition Program and budget was recommended.



Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Monthly Gathering

Purpose of the Community Gatherings...

Chief and Council brought forward communication as a priority immediately following elections. The possibility of regular community meetings was raised and, after some consultation with the membership, soon came to fruition with the MNCFN Monthly Gatherings.

The MNCFN Monthly Gatherings are an opportunity for the membership to engage with Chief and Council in meaningful dialogue. It is a chance for Council and departments to share information on current and upcoming activities and gather input from the membership.

The MNCFN Monthly Gatherings are usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00am at the MNCFN Community Centre. A hot lunch is provided and Chief and Council are available to discuss issues with members on a one-on-one basis. The topics of the presentations are determined by Chief and Council based on recommendations from the membership and departments. If there is a topic that you would like discussed at an upcoming monthly gathering please contact a member of council or the Media & Communications Director at 905 768-5858.

April Monthly Gatherings...

There were two Monthly Gathering meetings that took place during the month of April to account for Easter Weekend holiday in March. Both meetings covered the Toronto Purchase Trust (TPT) and took place on April 2nd and April 23rd. Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich from Peace Hills Trust were in attendance during both meetings to present financial updates of the Trust investments. Kim Fullerton was in attendance during the April 2nd meeting to provide information regarding the legalities of the investment process and the operations of the Toronto Purchase Trust.

During the April 2nd meeting, members from Peace Hills Trust provided an informative presentation on how the TPT works, how investments are made and provided a comprehensive update by reviewing the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report of the Trustees. An important take away from the meeting was the need for an investment policy.

Jeff Frketich stressed the importance of developing an investment policy by reviewing the function of Council, financial advisors and the Trustee. The investment policy can be considered a "road map" that describes the financial goals and objectives of the Trust and guides the investment process in achieving these goals. Overall the investment policy defines the role and responsibilities of the Trustees and investment managers and controls the risk associated with the investment.

Kim Fullerton also presented during the April 2nd meeting and provided information regarding the operation of the Trust as legal counsel to the Mississaugas

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MONTHLY GATHERING

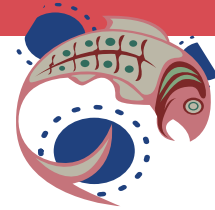
Saturday, June 25, 2016 - 10am-1pm
MNCFN Community Centre

Presentations:

- Rouge Valley Tract Land Claim
- Unextinguished Water Rights & Land Under Water
- International Transmission Company - Lake Erie Connector
- CN Rail Milton Logistics Hub

Lunch provided by Tasty Delights by Char Wilson

Toronto Purchase Trust: Annual Review



of the New Credit First Nation. Throughout his presentation he addressed questions from MNCFN band members regarding logistics of the Trust and past dealings. Questions regarding the Community Wellness payments and unclaimed TPT disbursement were addressed in detail with full explanations of financial procedures. Mr. Fullerton also addressed the discontinuation of Mackie Research as the appointed Corporate Trustee and explained the factors involved in the decision to terminate.

Ideas for possible use of TPT funds during the upcoming fiscal were documented during the April 2nd meeting and included input from the community members in attendance. Ideas for the use of the funds were waterline project completion, recognition of ancestors, aftercare programs and what can be done, pension plans for the whole membership and moving or replicating the Lloyd S. King mural for easy access. These ideas will be reviewed by Council and feasibility will be determined at a later date.

Peace Hills Trust members provided an overview of the current status of the Trust and reviewed the Annual Report of the Trustee during the second meeting held on April 23rd. The health of investments and the Trust were focused on and described in detail. Updates regarding specific investments were provided, including an update regarding the WeedMD investment. Richard Beatty from MNP was also in attendance to present and provided a review of financial statements and an audit report. Mr. Beatty explained the approval process of the statements and the role of the Trustee in this approval. Calculations and overview of income payouts, investment returns, investment management fees, changes in cash resources, and accounting policies were provided.

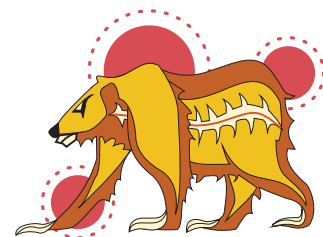
The next Monthly Gathering will be held on June 25th, 2016 from 10:00 to 1:00PPM at the Community Centre. For copies of the official meeting minutes, please log on to the Members Only Section of www.newcreditfirstnation.com.



Chief and Council Ready to Present During the April 23rd Monthly Gathering.
[Photo courtesy of Caitlin Laforme]



Videos of the monthly gathering are also linked from the Members Only Section of www.newcreditfirstnation.com.



Major Events

Committee

Major Events Committee

On April 25th, 2016 the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approved the establishment of a Major Events Committee (MEC). The purpose of the committee is to provide clear direction on MNCFN involvement on major events within our traditional territory. This committee will define general protocols for initial MNCFN involvement, work directly with event organizers, and provide recommendations to Chief and Council for specific events.



The MNCFN Major Events Committee is chaired by Councillor Evan Sault, and includes as its members Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, the Directors of Media and Communications and Sustainable Economic Development, and MNCFN members Katelyn LaForme and Pat Mandy. The Media and Communications Department serves as the administrative lead for the MEC.

Councillor Evan Sault says the Major Events Committee is “important because MNCFN wants to be involved from the very early stages of Major Events taking place within our traditional territory. We want to be recognized as Host First Nation through positive messages and ensure our culture and traditions are exemplified.”

Initial projects of the Major Events Committee include:

Reinvention of the Aboriginal Leadership Pavilion

Members of the Aboriginal Leadership Partnership (ALP), a group that was established for the Pan Am Games, met in March at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. The group discussed the possibility of continuing the partnership for the long term. The

Major Events Committee anticipates a leadership role in this group with a MNCFN representative as chair. MNCFN will be making recommendations to the group for a new Terms of Reference that is inclusive of all recognized Indigenous organizations and First Nations that have interests in the Greater Toronto Area.

2017 Invictus Games

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are the Host First Nation of the 2017 Invictus Games. The Games will be held in Toronto in September 2017. The Major Events Committee is working with Invictus Toronto organizers to examine opportunities for MNCFN involvement. Invictus representatives have visited MNCFN twice to meet first with Chief LaForme and Councillor Evan Sault, then again to present to full Chief and Council.

World Expo 2025

The City of Toronto is considering preparing a bid for the World Expo 2025 and has reached out to MNCFN for early involvement in the project. The Major Events Committee will be in contact with the organizers in early May.

LSK Students Celebrate With Culturally Focused Earth Week Activities

During the week of April 18th to April 22nd, Lloyd S. King Elementary students celebrated Earth Week with a variety of cultural workshops and activities.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme attended the weekly assembly to kick off Earth Week celebrations, and shared a poem to honour creation and mother earth. On Monday and Tuesday, students enjoyed Roundhouse teachings with MNCFN community member Nancy Rowe and Elder Peter Schuler. Elder Mark Sault also joined Grades 5 to 8 in a Trip to the Bush for cultural learning and to celebrate in the gifts from our earth.

Other activities enjoyed by students throughout the week included yoga classes, a garbage clean up of the school grounds, and painting of birdfeeders. Parents were also given activities to complete at home with students that included a night dedicated to turning off the lights in honour of Earth Week, and a Buy Nothing Night to promote waste reduction. The week concluded

with a drum birthing, school wide feast and a viewing of Furry Vengeance hosted at the Community Centre.



Lloyd S. King kick-off Earth Week festivities during Monday assembly.
[Photo Courtesy of Brittney Sault]



By combining Ojibway culture and earth week celebrations, LSK students were able to learn about their cultural responsibility to protect the environment and celebrate the Anishinaabe connection to creation.

Book Fair Held To Raise Money For Purchase Of New Library Materials For LSK Students



A wide variety of books, school supplies and posters were available for purchase during the annual bookfair.
[Photo courtesy of Brittney Sault]



From April 20th to April 22nd, Lloyd S. King Elementary held an annual book fair that sees a portion of the proceeds go towards the purchasing of new library materials. The amount raised during this year's event reached an approximate \$2200.00, which surpassed the overall funding goal of \$2000.00.

Approximately \$1,100.00 will be dedicated from this year's event for the purchase of new reading materials for Lloyd S. King students. Chi-miigwetch to those who purchased books and participated in the fundraising efforts.

EDUCATION

Postsecondary Updates:

Spring/Summer classes begin soon! Presently, we are working at processing applications for Fall/Winter. If you have not sent in requested paperwork, please do so immediately.

Students are also advised to apply to the following bursaries/scholarships below. (Please note this will NOT affect your MNCFN application)

OSAP www.osap.gov.on.ca
Dreamcatcher Fund www.dcfund.ca
Indspire www.indspire.ca
ONECA www.oneca.com

Supplies - We are happy to inform parents that the Education Department will have school supplies available in August for High school & Postsecondary students. We will have binders, paper, pens, USB's, etc.

New Phone Numbers -

Please contact the Education Department and/or School with updated contact information to

keep our records current. Miigwetch!

Winter Term Grades

A few students have not sent in their winter 2016 grades yet. Please do so ASAP.

Secondary School Updates:

High school students who live on the MNCFN and are Band Members: Reminder* to bring in your final report card to apply for the "credit \$."

REMINDER

All status cards must be up-to-date.

GET THE WORD OUT!

THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN ABORIGINAL ADULT EDUCATION

- **Community-based adult education**
- **Program is designed to address the unique circumstances of the Aboriginal adult learner**
- **Learn from Aboriginal educators in your own community**
- **A degree that is recognized by both Aboriginal and mainstream institutions**
- **Updated curriculum and format with entirely online and blended options available**



STARTING FALL OF SEPTEMBER 2016

Contact: Katie Maracle –Aboriginal Program Coordinator
P: (905) 688 –5550 x 4574
E: kmaracle@brocku.ca

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EDUCATION

JUNE UPDATES: DATES TO REMEMBER

Lloyd S. King Elementary:

June 9th-Jr. Lacrosse

June 10th-African Lion Safari
Trip Gr 2 & 2/3 – Sweat Lodge Gr
7/8

June 13th- Awards Assembly

June 13th & 14th-Round
House

June 15th-Berry Picking Kin-
dergarten Gr 1 & Gr 5/6 - Sky-
Zone, Mandarin & Bowling Grade
7, Spirit Point Overnight Gr 7/8

June 16th-Drum Social @ 1:45 PM

June 17-Father's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten &
Gr 1- Penpal Gathering

June 20th- Awards Assembly & Earl Haig Park Trip-
Kindergarten & Gr 4/5

June 21st- **SOLIDARITY DAY/ NO SCHOOL**

June 22nd- Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:30 AM –
Gr 8 Graduation @ 6PM

June 23rd-Play Day & Free BBQ

June 24th-Churchill Park – Kindergarten/Gr. 1

June 27th-Awards Assembly & Niagara Falls Trip
Gr. 5/6

June 28th- Wayne Gretzky Ctr. – Gr 5/6

June 29th-Year-End Assembly/ Early Dismissal

June 30th -**PD DAY/ NO SCHOOL**



Kindergarten and
Grade 1 Students
Perform During
the LSK Music
Concert held on
May 13th, 2016.
[Photo courtesy of
Caitlin Laforme]

Hagersville Secondary School:

June 8th @ 6 PM-Parent Council Meeting

June 14th & 15th – EQAO Testing-Gr 9

June 21st-Last Regular Day of School

June 22nd-28th- EXAMS

Road to Freedom Tour

The Road to Freedom is a Film Acting & Youth Empowerment workshop that tours across the country bringing inspiration and knowledge to First Nations youth. First Nation brothers, Actors and motivational speakers, Kyle Nobess and Jesse Nobess, share their insight and give training on both the film industry and life skills.

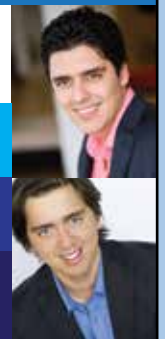
A short video will be produced at the end of the session!
Limited to 15 participants-MNCFN members given preference.

Must be 14+ and have signed photo release.

Lunch and Snacks Provided!

Call Education Dept. for more info. or to Register
(905)768-7101

July 29th-31st, 2016 10:00AM-3:00PM
MNCFN Community Centre



Haldimand Emergency Services Provides Fire Safety Learning Through Pilot Program with ECC

On April 13th and 14th, Sparky the Fire Dog and members of the Haldimand County Emergency Services paid a special two-day visit to the Ewaamjigenang Children's Centre. The educational visit was a part of a pilot program that aims to bring fire safety to early childhood education.

During the two-day visit, firefighters were on site for children to view the fire truck, learn about emergency service equipment and to help children try on protective fire gear. Sparky the Fire Dog was also on site to greet children and to hand out promotional items. Each child received a colouring book, crayons and a Haldimand County Emergency



Junior Kindergarten students learn about fire safety during the Haldimand County EMS visit.
[Photo courtesy of Bonnie Smith]



Services hat. Four firefighters, along with Assistant Captain Richard Geredink, volunteered their time to be a part of the educational program – some of which changed shifts specifically to attend the event.

The program focused on basic fire safety and aimed to familiarize children with emergency service providers. It has been widely reported that a common reaction during an emergency situation for children under 5 years of age is to hide in closets, under beds or in corners – all of which may prevent rescue. Through familiarizing children with emergency service providers and teaching basic fire safety, children will be able to better protect themselves during an emergency situation and will be less likely to engage in firesetting behav-

ior. The children and Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre staff were thrilled with the program and look forward to continuing fire safety learning. ECC Supervisor Patti Barber and Elisa Machida, Assistant Supervisor, have been asked to provide feedback on the program to assist in the development of a fire safety program appropriate for early childhood learning.

Machida explained how excited students were for the visit and claimed many were still talking about the experience weeks after. Machida expressed her gratitude for the visit and looks forward to further involvement with Haldimand County Emergency Services, "We are very grateful for this visit and look forward to their return in June."

Community Picnic Entertainment Tender



Apply by June 17th, 2016 4:30PM
Social & Health Services Building
(659 New Credit Rd, Unit #2)

Entertainment required for Community Picnic event scheduled for July 9, 2016 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM. All interested individuals are asked to submit a sealed tender to:

Rachelle Ingrao
Director of Social & Health Services
659 New Credit Rd, Unit #2
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Celebrates Niibin (Spring) with Art Show Open House

Parents and Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre students enjoyed an engaging evening of refreshments and art on Thursday, April 21st. The annual Art Show Open House featured unique artwork from students aged eight months to five years of age. Artwork on display included handmade crafts, sculptures, ornaments and paintings.

The event was influenced by the document "How Does Learning Happen?" produced by the Government of Ontario. Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre staff based the art activities featured during the event on the four foundations of learning - belonging, engagement, expression and well-being. A cultural component was also included within the programming to ensure children remained connected to their Anishinaabe roots throughout the learning process. The activities were well documented with pictures and explanations to display student's learning development throughout the project.



Creative pieces displayed in the Toddler classroom. [Photo courtesy of Brittney Sault]

Students were beaming with pride as they directed parents and family members to their classroom to view their hard work. The event was well attended and provided a fun way to display the programs and care provided by the dedicated Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre staff.



Collaborative artwork on display in the Junior Kindergarten classroom. [Photo courtesy of Brittney Sault]



Social & Health Services is pleased to welcome the new Ontario Works Case Worker...

Social & Health Services is pleased to welcome Lindsay Sault as the new Ontario Works Case Worker. Lindsay is a graduate of the Social Service Worker (SSW) program from Mohawk College. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, having worked in various capacities within Six Nations Welfare since 2006. Lindsay is pleased to be serving her own community and providing employment and financial services to the membership of MNCFN.

Lindsay initially pursued a career in social services as she recognized her passion for helping those in need. Her career now supports this passion as she assists clients that require employment and financial resources in reaching their full potential. She is excited to bring this passion and her skills to aid her own community, "My goal is to give our band members the tools they need to succeed." If you feel you are in need of financial assistance, Lindsay Sault can be reached in confidence at (905)768-1181 EXT. 225.

ALERT!

8 Week Summer Student Job Postings are Now Available!

Deadline: June 16th, 2016 at 4:00 pm.
Positions Available include...

- Grounds Maintenance Worker
- Junior Day Camp Counsellor
- Community Storyteller/Library Assistant
- Heritage & Cultural Coordinator Assistants
- Eco Project Assistants
- Eco Project Supervisor

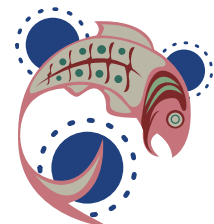
To apply visit - www.newcreditfirstnation.com

Employment and Training Presents: Self Employment Training Course

Are you interested in starting your own business? Employment and Training is offering a Self Employment Training Course for any MNCFN member interested in pursuing entrepreneurship and self employment. Interested candidates are asked to submit a letter of intent with full contact details to the Employment & Training department. The core study will be focused on "Entrepreneur Tool Kit Workshop" and will be delivered in 10 days, over a span of 5 weeks. An initial consultation meeting will also be included within the training to provide a comprehensive overview of learning objectives.

The course schedule will feature:

- Week 1** - Branding & Website
- Week 2** - Marketing Plan
- Week 3** - Bookkeeping & Accounting
- Week 4** - Business Plan
- Week 5** - Business Plan & Tradeshow




HAPPY
Father's Day
★★★

Saturday June 18, 2016
9:00-11:00AM
Social & Health Services
Building (Lower Level)

New Credit Community Health invites you to join us for a Father's Day Breakfast to honour your dad, husband, uncle, brother...

★★★ **Gifts for all Father's** ★★★
Crafts, Family Photos & Door Prizes

Please call Leslie or Beth for more info 905-768-1181

Employment

Opportunities

Home and Community Care Coordinator / Supervisor

The Home and Community Care Coordinator/Supervisor is responsible for combining knowledge with assessment, supervisory and clinical nursing skills to effectively meet the Home Care service needs of the client, and is responsible for the administration and implementation of the Home and Community Care Unit.

Closing Date: June 16th, 2016 at 12:00 Noon

LSK Caretaker

To ensure the proper operation/maintenance of the Lloyd. S King Elementary School by ensuring the buildings and grounds are kept clean and operating at a safe standard by maintaining the buildings, grounds and equipment in accordance with the standards set by MNCFN and completing the required administration and reporting processes.

Closing Date: June 16th, 2016 at 12:00 Noon

Strategic Advisor

As part of the Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA), the Strategic Advisor will work to support Crown, regulatory agency, and proponent communications and engagement activities. The Strategic Advisor will be responsible for tracking and supporting management of critical issues related to Crown and industry relations, will interact with Crown and other proponent representatives, and will help plan and develop a variety of projects and research as directed by the Director.

Closing Date: June 16th, 2016 at 12:00 Noon

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

Casual On-call Reception Relief

- Provide 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)

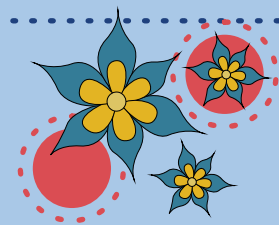
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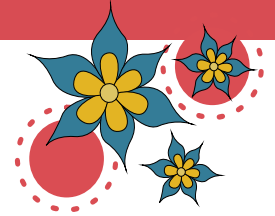
Board Member Opportunities

- Heritage Mississauga
- Mississauga of the Credit Business Corporation (MCBC)

For Detailed Job
Descriptions and
to Apply Visit:

www.newcreditfirstnation.com





Making First Nations Housing a Priority: New Housing Funding Increase

As of April 2016, New Construction Housing applicants will be able to access an allotment of \$150,000.00, compared to the past amount of \$110,000.00. This increase will be provided from the Housing Reserve Fund and will be in addition to an expected funding increase provided by the Federal Government. The Trudeau Government has pledged \$8.4 million over five years to improve the socio-economic conditions within Indigenous communities. From the total that has been pledged in the 2016 Federal Budget, \$739 million has been dedicated specifically to First Nations Housing to address the dire housing conditions and issues such as overcrowding, structural deficiencies and lack of adequate and affordable housing.

This increase for Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Housing Program was approved by Council in March of 2016, and will provide access to extra funds for new builds that will account for the rising rates of building materials. With the average home costing approximately \$150 per square foot, this increase will provide funds more suited to housing prices for 2016.

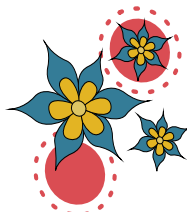
For information on New Construction Housing Loans and other Housing Programs, MNCFN band members can contact the MNCFN Housing Department at (905)768-1133.

It's Cooling Season... Is Your A/C Summer Ready?



The cooling season is here and it is likely that the air conditioning system has been turned on. Most have worked, and some have not. The most common problems are clogged filters and electrical contacts that have been made inoperative by bugs and weeds.

The recommended practice is to have a licensed cooling professional inspect and check your system prior to start-up. They can provide valuable information and insight on operating and maintaining your system; as well as reminding you to be aware of the location of the cooling unit when cutting the grass!



Composting Workshop

in partnership with MNCFN Health & Social Services Department and NC Biodiversity - Life of the Grove - New Credit Cultural Committee

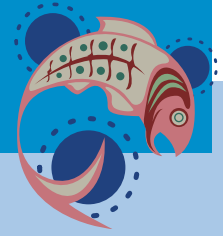
Tuesday, June 14th 2016, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Registration required at Social and Health Services for composter pick up.



A composter for the first 25 families. Must be open to site visits.
Information to help with composting will be shared during the Monthly Garden Meetings - 2ND Tuesday of the Month at the Old Council House 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Contact: Carla Campbell (905) 768-3067 or
Leslie Sault (905) 768-1181

Hunter and Anglers Community Meeting



On May 18th, the Lands, Research, and Membership Department held a hunting and fishing meeting to share information with local hunters. The majority of attendees were local hunters who engage in hunting activities both on and off-reserve.

Some community members brought forward concerns for Council's attention. Some of the issues were the use of high powered rifles; use of ATV's (or other motorized vehicles) across personal property and farm lands; use of hounds; public safety; hunting out of season; and fair play and sportsmanship.

Some of the hunters also emphasized the need to feed their families and exercise their treaty rights. Other items discussed were the fact that high powered rifles are often used because they're considered more humane, and the usage of ATV's to transport animals. The limited hunting area was also raised as an issue. It was suggested that MNCFN should explore the possibility of expanding our hunting area.

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation has a by-law in place regarding high powered rifles. By-law No. 6 dated November 20, 1961, states, "... No person shall hunt with or shoot on Reserve at any time with a rifle larger than a 22 caliber, regardless of whether such person may be licensed to use a high powered rifle off the Reserve or not but a person may hunt with or shoot with a shotgun on the Reserve."

Jeff Columbus, Ministry of Natural Resources, advised that for the Southwestern Ontario hunting area, the legal caliber of rifle is 22 up to a maximum of 270. Northern Ontario hunters can use a high caliber (330+) due to larger game and more secluded areas.

Mr. Columbus also mentioned that according to a Supreme Court Case ruling, First Nation members

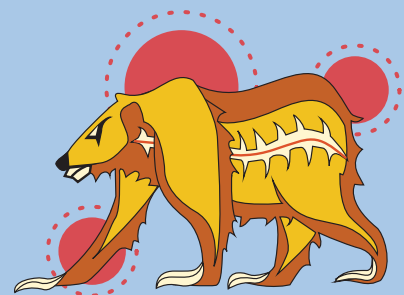
are allowed to stay longer on some northerly crown lands and erect a "Sundowner Cabin" if the hunting trip is for longer periods of time.

Michelle Schaefer, O.P.P. liaison officer, was also present and advised that the O.P.P. will respond to requests from landowners about trespassers on their land.

As a result of the feedback from the hunters and some concerned band members, the following suggestions were made:

- Develop an educational tool that can be used to inform the public as well as other hunters;
- Conduct family visits to educate about proper hunting protocol;
- Rescind By-law No. 6;
- Non-members hunting on New Credit Territory be required to hunt with an MNCFN Band member;
- Protection from outside authorities coming on FN territory to confiscate game;
- Investigate possibility of creating our own hunting education course;
- Create a committee to oversee the above project.

A follow-up meeting will be held in the MNCFN Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00pm



Department of Consultation & Accommodation: Overview

The Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) was established to proactively address the Crown's Duty to Consult. This is in response to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision relating to the Crown's Duty to Consult with Aboriginal communities regarding proposed land development when their treaty and traditional lands are impacted.

DOCA's mandate is to engage with governments and private sector proponents on land and resource matters that may impact the interests of our First Nation. DOCA will assess and help alleviate impacts on our rights, land claims, and ways of life by building relationships, and where possible, partnerships with governments and private sector proponents.

DOCA also works to advance negotiations with major proponents for securing capacity funding for project reviews, long-term relationship agreements to provide annual funding for community initiatives, and revenue sharing on major projects.

Updates on DOCA projects will be provided at the Monthly Gathering on June 25th.

High Speed Rail

The Honourable David Collenette, High Speed Rail Special Advisor, was tasked with delivering a final report to the Province of Ontario in the fall of 2016 on the economic potential, international best practices, financial options and a preliminary business case for High Speed Rail (HSR).

As part of the special advisor's mandate, Mr. Collenette must engage with First Nations and other stakeholders. A constructive and meaningful first engagement session occurred between Mr. Collenette, Ministry of Transportation officials, and MNCFN Chief and Council on April 27th, 2016.

MNCFN Chief and Council agreed in principal

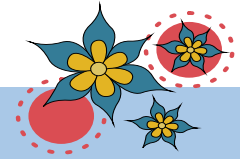
with the Province's three broad starting objectives for considering high speed rail:

- To transform mobility choice, and provide efficient and sustainable mobility, in Southwestern Ontario;
- To catalyze municipal and regional economic development by connecting innovation hubs, knowledge and industry centres;
- To support integration and development at the municipal, regional and corridor levels. MNCFN provided preliminary feedback via written submission which included a recommendation to add 3 cornerstone objectives to these high-level statements of principle:
- To meaningfully engage the First Nations in a genuine nation-to-nation process in the planning, development and implementation of High Speed Rail;
- To ensure First Nation communities are enabled to share in the job creation, skills upgrading, and business and economic development opportunities generated by High Speed Rail; and
- To protect our natural environment and honour Canada's international commitments to reduce the impacts of climate change.

The submission also made clear that MNCFN expects "the Special Advisor and Province of Ontario will consider the MNCFN as a trusted, valued engagement partner, beginning today and through every stage of planning, design and implementation for such a "quantum-leap" project that could potentially transform how we live, move, work, manage growth and co-exist with our natural environment – within our Traditional Territory known today as Southwestern Ontario.



Media & Communications Department: Overview



The Media and Communications Department was established in June, 2015 and is responsible for:

- Facilitating meaningful dialogue between Chief and Council and the MNCFN membership;
- Developing and maintaining community linkages and interagency collaboration opportunities;
- Establishing effective relationships with all government representatives;
- Coordinating outreach activities throughout the MNCFN Traditional Territory including arranging for representation from Chief and Council or Indigenous knowledge holders;
- Liaising with local, national and international media broadcasters;
- Increasing public awareness of MNCFN services, programs, events, and key issues;
- Coordinating some MNCFN events such as the MNCFN Monthly Gatherings;
- Taking minutes for meetings involving Chief, Council, Departments and Committees;
- Driving new approaches to deliver communications in more efficient and effective ways across departments;
- Developing correspondences, media releases, presentations, reports, promotional materials etc.; and
- Coordinating the activities of the MNCFN Major Events Committee.

The New Eaglepress Newsletter

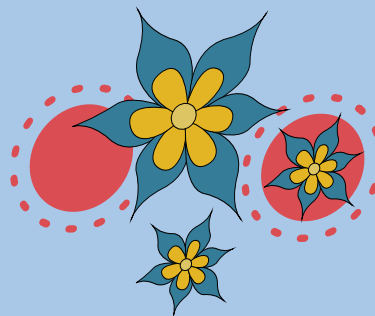
We hope you like the redesigned Eaglepress Newsletter! Each issue will cover the complete previous month including highlights from Council activities and meetings, information from each department (including Social and Health Services), and updates on projects

within the territory and community. We will also be sharing information each month on MNCFN history and culture and encourage members to send in their own personal announcements in the classifieds section.

The Eaglepress newsletter is available for download at newcreditfirstnation.com; we encourage members to view the online version rather than subscribing to print to help us care for Mother Earth and save print and postage costs. Once we get rolling with this new format, each issue will go to print on the first working day of each month and should be received approximately one week later.

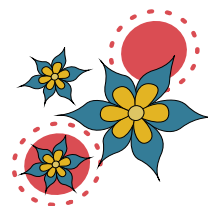
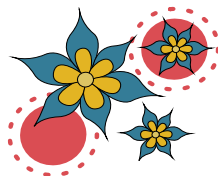
The Eaglepress will continue to evolve with new features and information. If you have suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Deanna Dunham, Media and Communications Director at 905 768-5858 or Deanna.dunham@newcreditfirstnation.com.

To subscribe, please contact Brittney Sault at brittney.sault@newcreditfirstnation.com.



MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS - OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	MNCFN REPRESENTATIVE(S)
APRIL 7	NAVI PILLAY LECTURE - UN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS	CHIEF LAFORME
APRIL 12	LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CEREMONY	COUNCILLOR VERONICA KING- JAMIESON, CAROLYN KING
APRIL 20	ABORIGINAL LAW SEMINAR	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 1	NATIONAL ABORIGINAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP (OPENING CEREMONIES)	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 2	INVICTUS GAMES ANNOUNCEMENT	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 3	MINISTRY OF TRAINING, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 4	WORLD CLASS SUPPLY CHAIN SUMMIT	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 6	CN EVENT	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 7	TRC GATHERING AND TRADITIONAL FEAST	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 10	INTERNATIONAL ISIC CONFERENCE	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 16	QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HOSTED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 16	ENTERPRISE CANADA	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 17	ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT EAST	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 19- 22	HIAWATHA POW WOW/MISSISSAUGA NATIONS MEETING	FULL CHIEF AND COUNCIL
MAY 25	SCAPR GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ELDER GARRY SAULT
MAY 26- 27	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO INDIGENOUS HEALTH CONFERENCE	CHIEF LAFORME, DR. MALCOLM KING
MAY 28	HARMONY PROJECT PERFORMANCE	MNCFN TRADITIONAL DANCE GROUP, CAROLYN KING
MAY 30	TRC ANNOUNCEMENT QUEEN'S PARK	CHIEF LAFORME
MAY 30	WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY	ELDER MARK SAULT
MAY 30	NATOA CONFERENCE	COUNCILLOR MARGARET SAULT
MAY 31	NATOA CONFERENCE	CHIEF LAFORME



MNCFN Members Celebrate Earth Week With Community Clean Up

From April 18th to 29th, MNCFN band members came together to do their part and keep the community clean during the Annual Community Clean-up. This year's clean up was in partnership with Emterra and featured advanced disposal services that were not provided in past years. NC Biodiversity also teamed up with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Administration to provide community members with a "goodie bag" to aid in their cleaning efforts. Each bag contained a pair of garden gloves, garbage bags, water and a granola bar to enjoy during a busy day of cleaning.

During the two-weeks of the clean-up, disposal services for electronics, tires, large appliances and furniture were provided for community members to easily dispose of household items. Bins were made available throughout the two-week period at the Agimaw administration building, with large items being picked up during regular garbage pick-up.



Even our youngest community members did their part to help keep the MNCFN community clean and litter free.

[Photo courtesy of Caitlin Laforme]

Over the span of the two weeks, many band members and MNCFN Administrative staff took part in the clean up efforts to ensure our community remained clean and healthy. Chi- miigwetch to all who participated!

Tom Howe Landfill: Site Updates

As of October 31st, 2015, the Tom Howe Landfill is officially closed. Any questions or concerns regarding the landfill site may be directed to representatives of the CLC. CLC Meetings are open to the public, with the next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2016 at 9:00AM at the Tom Howe Landfill Site.

MNCFN CLC Representatives:

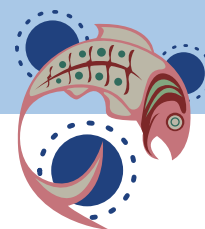
Brandon Hill - (905)768-1133

Councillor Evan Sault - (905)768-1133

Site Activities:

- Final repairs are being made to the landfill gas collection system.
- Final cover work is underway at the site; additional clay placement and the installation of new manhole covers will help abate any remaining gases and odours from escaping from the site
- Topsoil and seeding are being applied over final

cover. Grass should be growing soon!



After Hours Call-In

The Solid Waste Operations Supervisor can be reached after hours at (905)318-5932.

Complaints

If there is an issue requiring attention, bands members are urged to submit a complaint form to notify the CLC of the issue. These forms will assist with monitoring of the landfill site for years to come. For inquiries regarding complaint procedures you may contact Arland Laforme (Public Works Director) at (905)768-1133.

**Please note revised complaint procedures will be provided over the next coming months.

Protect Your Family Against Rabies...

Be Aware and Stay Safe!

In December of 2015, four dead raccoons had tested positive for rabies in Hamilton Ontario and sparked a province wide advisory. As of March 28th, there have been 70 reported cases in the surrounding areas incorporating Hamilton and Haldimand County. Although rabies awareness is common and many pet owners religiously vaccinate pets against the disease, it still comes as a shock for the disease to hit so close to home.

With warmer weather fast approaching, it is important to be aware of how to protect yourself, your family and your animals against this disease. Rabies can be easily transmitted from an infected animal through the exchange of blood or saliva, and very rarely through breathing in the escaping gases from decomposing animal carcasses. If you own pets or livestock, it is important to have these animals vaccinated against rabies for the safety of the animal and your family.

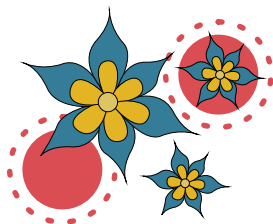
Common symptoms of rabies to watch for are:

- Inability to swallow
- Excessive salivation; frothy saliva
- Pica (Eating non-edible/food items)

- Constant irritability/changes in attitude/behavior
- Seizures
- Fever
- Muscular lack of coordinator
- Paralysis
- Unusual shyness or aggression
- Hydrophobia (Fear of water)
- Excessive excitability
- Change in tone of bark
- Paralysis in the jaw and larynx

If you observe a raccoon, skunk or any other animal that is acting strange and exhibiting any of the above symptoms - do not approach it. If you or a family member has been scratched or bitten by an animal acting strangely or exhibiting symptoms of rabies, you should report it to your local health authority immediately for further investigation.

MNCFN is currently working on a process for animal control services; in the meantime you may contact (905)768-0100 or (905)768-0141 for more information regarding the appropriate animal control for our region or to report a bite or scratch.



COMMUNITY HEALTH PRESENTS
"MUSIC & MOVEMENT"



THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES (LOWER LEVEL)
COME ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES WITH DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
DROP-IN WELCOME

CONTACT LESLIE FOR MORE INFORMATION
-(905) 768-0141

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children:

Program Information

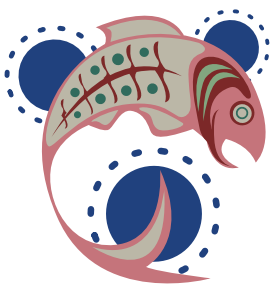
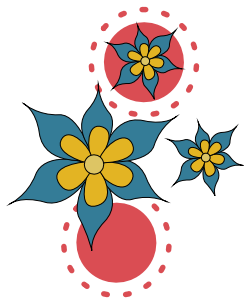
Infant Massage – Beth King is a certified Infant Massage instructor and is available to provide classes for parents and new moms. Upcoming classes will be advertised. Private classes are available upon request – Call for more information.

Home Visits – Please call to schedule a home visit if you need support, want to have your child weighed, or if you have questions or concerns regarding your child.

Breastfeeding Support Group – Stephanie George, Lactation Consultation from Six Nations Birthing Centre, can be reached with any questions or concerns at (519) 445-4922.

Car Seat Installations – Social & Health Services has 2 certified Car Seat Technicians available to ensure proper installation and safety of your car seat. Please call Leslie (905)768-0141 OR Beth (905)768-1181 to set up an appointment or for more information.

Car Safety Website -
www.carsafetyandkids.com



Traditional Family Parenting Program

June 7, 14, 21, 28, & July 5, 2016
5:30 – 8:00 PM

Social & Health Services (Teen Room)
Open to all Parents, Grandparents,
Aunties & Uncles!

Refreshments provided!

Childcare available if called in by
Noon on the day of the program

To Register call
(905) 768-1181



MNCFN Receives Generous Sponsorship from The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport




ALP Meeting in March 2016 with representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.
[Photo Courtesy of Deanna Dunham]

tance of being active. Through engaging in sport and recreation, children are able to build confidence, learn important life lessons through engaging in good sportsmanship, and engage in a healthy lifestyle while learning good habits to take with them into adulthood. Through engaging in physical activity, First Nations children and youth

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation is grateful to have received a generous donation from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to support recreation, well-being and sport within the MNCFN community. A sponsorship of \$50,000.00 was received from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport in March of 2016 to purchase sports and recreation equipment. Through this donation, many programs within the MNCFN community were able to benefit, including the Afterschool Program and athletic programs provided at Lloyd S. King Elementary.

Additionally, at a joint Aboriginal Leadership Partnership meeting in March, unused equipment from the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games was generously donated

to the MNCFN community. Promotional items such as water bottles, sports bags and athletic equipment were received from the Ministry to be used within the community.

Recreation and sport are fundamental for First Nations' communities as these program areas support health and wellness for future generations by teaching children and youth the impor-

can promote both physical and mental wellbeing.

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation thanks the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for the generous sponsorship. Chi-miigwetch!



New Credit Community Picnic
Presented by Social & Health Services
July 9, 2016 - 12:00 - 3:00PM
New Credit Ball Diamond

Join us for a peanut free pot luck, door prizes, games and fun for all!

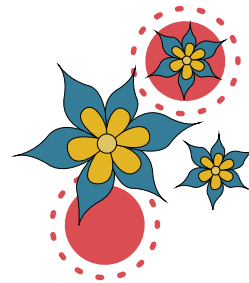
Community Encouraged To Engage In Self-Care Through Mental Wellness Pamper Day

The Mental Health Division focused on the importance of self-care through the Mental Wellness Pamper Day event hosted on March 11th, 2016. MNCFN community members were treated to a luxurious day of massage, ear candling, pedicures, manicures, paraffin wax and hair treatments. Traditional seers were also available to perform readings for those that were interested in this service.

The event was free and aimed to provide an uplifting experience for community members and to promote the importance of personal wellness. Participants were appreciative of the event and proclaimed that the services provided were "good for both body and soul". Another take-away from the event shared by a participant was that "Self-care is just as important as all other responsibilities."

Self-care is the practice of developing routines and engaging in activities that promote both physical and mental health. Through taking some time for yourself, you can ensure your health and well-being remain a priority. Self-care is especially critical for new moms that may feel selfish for taking time out of their day for themselves. Overall self-care ensures both you and your family members remain healthy and happy.

The Mental Wellness Pamper Day event was well attended and provided participants with a positive outlook on life and themselves. Through engaging in self-care, MNCFN members were able to learn the importance of taking care of your body and personal well-being.



Calling all Childcare Providers...



Please contact Social & Health Services by June 17th, 2016

Have you completed the Babysitter Certificate program?

If you'd like to be featured on the Childcare Providers list or need to update your contact/availability, please contact Stephanie D. Laforme at (905) 768-1181 EXT. 224.



Post Secondary Readiness Workshop

July 20th, 2016

6:00-8:00 PM

MNCFN Community Centre

Join us for mini-presentations and information on:

- Time Management
- Stress Management
- Healthy Living
- Moving Tips for Residences and Apartments
- Study Tips
- Money Matters
- Transit Schedules
- Scholarships/Bursaries

Light Snacks Will Be Provided

New Credit Variety & Gas Bar: Make A Purchase, Give Back to Your Community

Some MNCFN band members may be surprised to know that purchases of snacks, soft drinks or gasoline from New Credit Variety & Gas Bar benefit our membership beyond the day-to-day necessities that these items serve. All profits from purchases made at the convenience store filter directly back into the community as a Band owned corporation. Through the Enterprise Fund and the development of the New Credit Variety & Gas Bar, opportunities for community development projects, programming and infrastructure are provided that may not be covered traditionally by funding bodies.

Most recently, the monies from Enterprise Fund are being used towards the beautification of the Townline Estates. Landscaping and a playground area will be added to the development to provide a welcoming environment for the families of the MNCFN community.

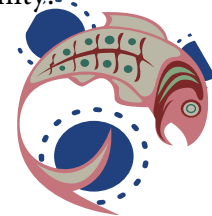
Beyond providing convenience and great service– the New Credit Variety & Gas Bar provides a way for our community to ensure the well-being and prosperity

of our future generations. The New Credit Variety & Gas Bar has been in operation since 1997 and has



The New Credit Variety & Gas Bar is Open 7 Days a Week from 6:00AM to 9:00PM [Photo courtesy of MNCFN]

since been a popular stop for community members and commuters. The New Credit Variety & Gas Bar is open 7 days a week from 6:00AM to 9:00PM. Make a purchase, and benefit your community!



ACEP Aims to Address Environmental Concerns & Climbing Hydro Rates

Aboriginal communities across Ontario have engaged in the Aboriginal Community Energy Plan (ACEP) program with the help of the Aboriginal Energy Partnerships Program. With ever increasing hydro rates, a greater need for energy savings and an increased awareness of the environment, the ACEP has introduced innovative solutions for Aboriginal communities to combat these issues.

Through the ACEP, Aboriginal communities are funding up to \$90,000, to identify and address the unique energy needs of their communities. Through ACEP funding, communities are able to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure energy savings and stewardship of the environment within their community. Additionally, this program has provided

economic and employment opportunities.

MNCFN was one of nine new communities to be approved for this program in November of 2015. Following approval, the ACEP will begin with a comprehensive analysis of what energy needs are required within the community through direct consultation with MNCFN community members.

As the ACEP is in its early stages, MNCFN community members are asked to look out for further updates on the project and opportunities for community involvement as the project unfolds.

The Kiinwi Dabaadjmowin Mural To Be Brought To Life The Harmony Collaboration

The Harmony Collaboration is preparing to host the first session of a series of workshops for musicians, stage actors, lyricists and Indigenous dancers. The organization is set to produce a full-length production that is based on the creation story as depicted by the Kiinwi Dabaadjmowin mural. In July of 2017, audiences will enjoy a theatrical display of the mural through the story of a young child being guided by the teachings of his Grandmother.

Joanne Bidini, Founder of the Harmony Collaboration, explains the concept of the project, "Our project as a whole represents an opportunity to learn about and embrace Indigenous culture by connecting people through creating and experiencing art and music together."

Joanne further explained the social impacts that the project hopes to promote, "What's really obvious to me is that most other cultures that make up the so-called Canadian mosaic share values inherent in the First Nations' stewardship of the Earth... Working with this in my mind, Harmony is expressing humanity's similarities and not just our differences."



Kiinwi Dabaadjmowin mural. [Photo courtesy of Deanna Dunham]

MNCFN member and Councillor, Cathie Jamieson, has joined the project to aid in recruiting traditional dancers from the community to bring the mural to life. Cathie expressed her pride in representing the community and helping with the project, "My involvement is based on artistic value; I don't want to lead or change. I want to promote energy throughout our community to be expressive and to take a lead in promoting our culture."

In addition to the stage production, the Harmony Collaboration also plans to host a travelling exhibition of the charcoal sketches that were the initial concepts of the mural design. These sketches would allow for the teachings of the mural to travel to other communities and would provide an opportunity to learn about Indigenous culture. The travelling exhibition would also promote the initial concept of the Harmony Collaboration - To celebrate in the commonalities that all cultures share.

The Harmony Collaboration debut performance will be held in July of 2017 in Toronto, ON. To learn more about the project, visit www.theharmonycollaboration.com.



Presentation of Ontario Trillium Grant Funds with MNCFN Council and the Honourable Dave Levac on February 20th, 2016. [Photo courtesy of Deanna Dunham]



Biodiversity Program Connects MNCFN Elders To Anishinaabe Roots

Since the creation of the NC Biodiversity Team in the summer of 2014, the group has been engaged in many projects within the MNCFN community. The group was formed through the Life of the Grove project, and has hosted a variety of workshops and programs to promote biodiversity learning within the MNCFN community since its inception.

Biodiversity refers to the diverse ecosystems of plants and animals and explains their connection to air, water, land, and fire. Through engaging in biodiversity initiatives, MNCFN members will be given an opportunity to learn about their role in helping the earth as Anishnaabe people. For this reason, Biodiversity Coordinator, Carla Campbell, has developed programming to engage community members of all ages. Programs have been held for Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre, Lloyd S. King Elementary and, most recently, for the elders of our community.

During a Home and Community Care luncheon in March of 2015, Carla Campbell paid a visit to the MNCFN Seniors Group to determine biodiversity interests. From this meeting the group identified that they would be interested in learning more about birds, fish and medicinal plants.

Through the Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program and a partnership with Home and Community Care, the NC Biodiversity Team was able to provide a biodiversity program for our Elders. Educational activities were planned for the Normandale Fish Hatchery and the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, located in our traditional territory. The program also included a presentation by archaeobotanist, R.D. Fecteau, on the history, usage and location of medicinal plants.

Through this grant, elders were also given bird houses, seeds, gardening tools, a small collection of literature, and planters to encourage further learning and participation. Ojibway language teacher, James Shawana, was also consulted to incorporate language and cultural learning into the program.



NC Biodiversity Seniors Visit to Terra Cotta Conservation Area located on MNCFN traditional territory.
[Photo Courtesy of Carla Campbell]

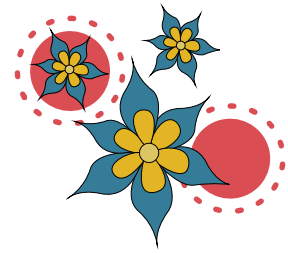


The program concluded with a final presentation during the February senior's luncheon that featured a culminating slideshow and discussion. Feedback was also gathered at this time and determined the focus of the next program will be on butterflies, bees and invasive plants.

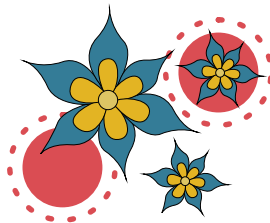
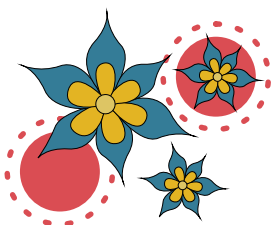
Due to the overwhelming positive feedback, the NC Biodiversity Team plans to continue the Elders Program and has submitted a 2016 grant application. Carla explained the importance of the program for our elders, "It's been great to see them share their knowledge. They learn from the sessions and are given an opportunity to teach and share the information they have with each other and the community."

In Memory:

Donna Joy Sault & Deanna Evelyn Sault

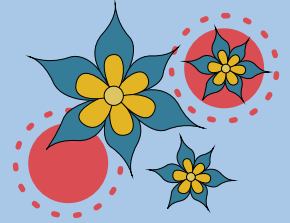


Our Nation was struck by tragedy when we lost two beautiful young ladies, who were so involved with our First Nation, who worked for the organization, who volunteered, and who genuinely cared for this Nation. They were immersed in their culture and learning more every day, they will be deeply missed.



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Looking for biological relatives of a 16 year old male born on November 21st, 1999. Father's name is Andre Parker (Jamaican) and mother's name is Shery Laforme (Native) from the Hamilton Area.

If you are a relative interested in connecting with this youth OR have any information regarding relatives please contact family finder.

Melanie Bastien

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Send a Full Ad Description &
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Or Call (905)768-5858





Join Community Health for Berry Picking!

June 16, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Austin's Berry Picking

**One flat per family will be provided.
Transportation available but limited!**

Call to Leslie Sault (905)768-0141 to Register!



Mississauga Nation Logo Design Competition

Your logo could become the symbol for the Mississauga Nation!



(Example from Hiawatha First Nation)



WINNER
will receive a Prize !

The 6 Mississauga First Nations are:

- .Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation**
- .Hiawatha First Nation**
- .Mississaugas of Scugog Island**
- .Curve Lake First Nation**
- .Mississauga #8 First Nation**
- .Alderville First Nation**

All Submissions Due By July 1st !

Prize will be determined prior to submission

If you have any questions please contact Caitlin Laforme at
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CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETINGS

Appointed Chairs for Council Committee Meetings

Infrastructure & Development Council
1st Monday of the Month at 9:00 am

Education and Social Services Council
2nd Monday of the Month at 9:00 am

Regular Council
3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm

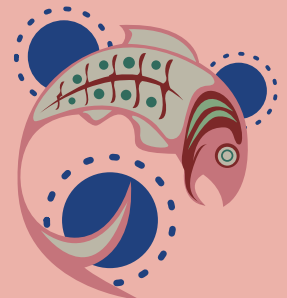
Executive Finance Council
4th Monday of the Month at 9:00 am

Councillor Casey Jonathan

Councillor Evan Sault
Councillor Cathie Jamieson

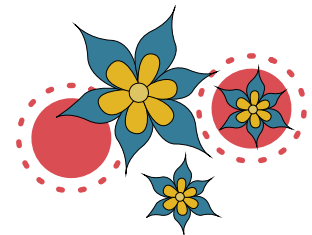
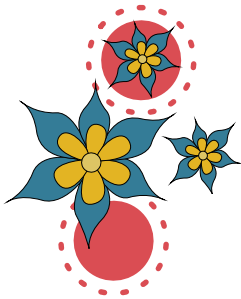
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Councillor Erma Ferrell



EVENT CALENDAR

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