



EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

Mississauga First Nations

Sign Historic Accord



All six Mississauga First Nations signed a historic Relationship Accord on Sat. Oct. 29 at the MNCFN Community Centre (Photo Donna Duric)

On October 29, 2016, amid an afternoon of pomp, pageantry and ceremony, all six Mississauga Nations came together at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Community Centre to sign a historic relationship Accord

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 mimiingaazwaad (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.

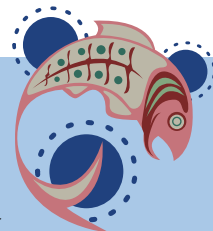
process of dialogue and relationship-building between the First Nations, as well as directions on the decision-making process.

Set amidst a backdrop of Eagle Staffs and each First Nation's flag, the six Mississauga chiefs signed the accord Saturday and ushered in a new era of cooperation and unity between the First Nations.

The signing began with a drum opening by the Manitou Mkwa Spirit Bear Singers, followed by an opening by pipe carrier Mike Bisson from Mississauga 8.

All six Mississauga chiefs and dignitaries made inspirational speeches.

Those in attendance included: Brant MPP Dave Levac; Brantford-Brant MP Phil McColeman; Scarborough-Rouge Park MP Gary Anandasangaree; Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam; and German Consul General Peter Fahrenholtz.



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Chief and council with members of the Mississauga First Nations at the Mississauga Accord signing



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Message From Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Aanii! It has been another busy month for Chief and Council. We are working tirelessly to reach out and educate all people who reside within our territory and treaty lands.

At the end of October, we conducted the signing ceremony for the historic Mississauga Accord, with all six Mississaugas Nations, enabling us to move forward on a path of unity as we work on issues of common interest and concern. I am hopeful this will lead to many opportunities for our First Nations.

We have negotiated a resolution to the special needs challenge we filed against Canada, a resolution that will not only be for the better of our First Nation, but for First Nations across Ontario.

We are working diligently with the new Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Director of Public Works and INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) on taking the necessary steps that are needed to complete the waterlines within the First Nation.

We are also coordinating a meeting with many of the departments of INAC to meet with Chief and Council and MNCFN staff.



Chief Laforme received a scroll from MPP Dave Levac at the Mississauga Accord signing.

bership. We are confident that once we have completed the overall strategy and have membership input, we can move on to the next stage. The next stage will involve the staff and the membership working with Chief and Council to create pillars of support for the overall vision/strategy. Once we have completed the overall document, we will have a vision and a path to the future, based on our First Nation's value systems.

Regarding our water rights, we have put together an interim committee to work on a structure and mandate for a permanent water committee. We have filed a claim stating we have never surrendered the waters within our territory. As a follow up, we are attending as many water meetings within our territory as possible.

We are also working on an election code that we hope to finalize prior to the next election.

Our involvement with the Invictus Games, North American Indigenous Games, and the potential EXPO 2025 bid has been very prominent in the last few weeks.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate Councillor Stephanie L. Laforme on her successful by-election win on October 22. Welcome to MNCFN Council!

**Miigwetch,
Chief R. Stacey Laforme**



Chief Laforme, Councillor Casey Jonathan and Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam at the Expo 2025 press conference.



Chief and Council have had many meetings over the past several months and in the month of October to try to complete a draft strategic plan that we can present to the mem-

Let's Learn Anishinaabemowin: Remembrance Day words...

Remember - **Mikwenim** [MEEK-WHEN-IM]
Warrior - **Ogichidaa** [OH-GET-JEE-TAA]
Respect - **Gichinenimaa** [GII-JEE-IN-E-KNEE-MA]
War - **Miigaadiwin** [MEE-GOD-E-WIN]
Courage - **Zhoongidewin** [SOON-GE-DAY-WIN]
Bravery - **Aakdehewin** [AK-KAY-DAY-HAY-WIN]
Wreath - **Zenibaanh-Waawiyeyaa**
[ZEN-AH-BAA-WAA-WE-YEH-YEA]

Translation provided by Tena Sault



You are cordially invited to join us

Remembrance Day Service
Sunday, November 6, 2016
10:30 am

Service to be held in the Grove by the Veteran's Monument
2789 Mississauga Road, Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0

Lunch to follow at New Credit United Church
2691 Mississauga Road Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0
Please note this is an outdoor service
For more information contact:
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Historical Tidbit

This year in November, as in years past, many people of New Credit will meet at the New Credit Veterans' Monument to remember the military service of our warriors/veterans.

The war memorial is unlike that of many communities throughout Canada, as the MNCFN monument attempts to list all of the warriors of the First Nation

who went off to serve in conflict. While cenotaphs are memorials raised to help us commemorate those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during conflict, the MNCFN memorial not only lists the names of the nine band members who died during war, but also proudly displays on its granite slabs the names of 86 others who have seen military service.



The Veterans' Monument at "The Grove" on Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation territory honours veterans past and present.



MNCFN is fortunate to recognize two veterans of the War of 1812, two veterans of the American Civil War, one veteran of the Boer War, 35 veterans of World War One, 31 veterans of World War Two, three veterans of the Korean War, and 21 members who have served in the military during peacetime.

MNCFN has a rich military history and it is quite certain that not a family at New Credit is without a veteran in their family tree. At New Credit, remembrance is not merely a time to express our gratitude to the fallen, but also a time to express our appreciation to all warriors past and present.

Chief's new bonnet tells a rich story of Anishinaabe culture

Chief R. Stacey Laforme was bestowed with a new bonnet recently and the designer, Diane Smoke-Thomas, explains there is a lot of cultural significance behind the elements used to put it together.

Smoke-Thomas, a Mississauga, bear clan, traditional knowledge keeper, designed a custom-made bonnet specifically for Chief Laforme.

The bonnet is adorned with a variety of feathers and animal pieces, each with a symbolic meaning behind its use and its meaning for the wearer. The bonnet features seven eagle feathers, representing the Anishinaabe Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Smaller eagle feathers are also woven throughout, “because he’s just new and being in the position as chief, I thought those small eagle feathers would represent a new beginning for him.”

The bonnet is infused with sweetgrass, which Smoke-Thomas calls “men’s medicine.” “I thought hard about that to help with his mind and his decision-making.” Little abalone shells (shells that are commonly used to make smudge bowls) are interspersed throughout the bonnet. The seven shells represent the seven generations, says Smoke-Thomas.

She also decorated it with little red beads she got from an Anishinaabe Elder that are over 80 years old. Among the other feathers used in the bonnet are hawk, turkey and goose feathers. Each animal feather has a symbolic meaning, she explained.

For instance, the hawk gives direction, she says. “He’s our guide; to help us to get where we’re going and [he’s] our protector.” Turkey and goose feathers were placed in the bonnet because, “those are the ones we would harvest and we would have at the feast.”



Chief Laforme's bonnet tells a rich story of Anishinaabe culture.

There are also three small eagle feathers that sit right on top of the bonnet at the crown which were given to her by her brother. His brother was given those feathers from an Anishinaabe elder from Northern Ontario, representing the geography of the Mississauga people. “It kind of covers the whole Mississauga nation, from where we started from the Northern Great Lakes to down here,” she said. Also, she said, the north is “the healing direction.”

An otter tail is wrapped around the bonnet. “That is one of our water animals that belongs to one of the clan systems,” she said.

Smoke-Thomas has been learning about traditional ways her whole life, and spent many years making crafts with her mom. She said her father told her she puts a lot of “good thoughts” into her work. “That’s what I do,” she said. “I smudge every time I do a new project. I smudged a couple of times while I was doing [the chief’s bonnet] because you have to have those good thoughts while you’re putting this all together. It was an honour to do that.”



Mississauga First Nations sign Historic Accord continued...

The signing was followed by a traditional closing and afterward, guests mingled for a pleasant afternoon of discussions, networking and lighthearted banter while nibbling on delicious delicacies prepared by renowned caterer, Nish Dish, based in Toronto.

Alderville First Nation Chief James Marsden said the Accord signing “makes us all stronger and that’s why we’re all here today, to push our missions forward and protect our land and waterways.”

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Chief Kelly LaRocca called it “an historic occasion to rise above the divisiveness of the Indian Act and re-assert our nationhood as a group.”

Mississauga #8 First Nation Chief Reg Niganobe said: “It’s a day of historic reckoning for us as Mississauga people. We’re reaffirming that relationship and forming back together once again.”

Curve Lake First Nation Chief Phyllis Williams said, “For us, the Mississauga Nation, it brings a sense of unity, sharing and certainly nurturing what we have in each of our communities. As a collective, I feel, that there’s promise and hope and it solidifies the relationship that we have, and have had.”

MNCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme read aloud a poem he wrote about



All six Chiefs signing the Mississauga Accord

Mississauga Nationhood: “The Mississauga Nations – it is not a means to an end. It is our means to the future. Nationhood is about who we are...it is a recognition that we were, and are, a nation unto ourselves. Our nation stems from our shared history, culture, language and values. We will walk together. We will rejuvenate our Nation.”

Hiawatha First Nation Chief Greg Cowie said: “We’ve talked about this for a long time,” adding that he didn’t like to talk about each First Nation as separate. “I think it’s all Mississauga territory.

We really need to get by our individualism, and look at it as a nation and nation territory. I think we’ll go a lot farther when we work together.”

The Accord states that the Mississauga Peoples constitute a Nation by “virtue of our creation, our shared histories, language, culture, values, traditions, beliefs and aspirations.”

The purpose of the Accord is to “modernize, elaborate and strengthen our relations based on respect, responsibility and renewal.”

Wellness Group

Monday November 14th, 2016
1:00PM – 3:00PM, 6:00PM – 8:00PM
New Credit United Church

This group is open to everyone who wishes to increase their knowledge of diabetes. Diabetes effects everyone in different ways. Sharing experiences/ knowledge is most welcome! Light refreshments will be available.

Childcare can be arranged for the evening session with 24 hour notice. Please contact Leslie at 905-768-0141 for more information.



October Political Gatherings

Chief and Council regularly participate in meetings and other gatherings to further MNCFN objectives. Below is a list of meetings that members of council have attended during the month of October.

Fundraiser for PIH Canada Oct. 1 CJA, CLJ	Greatness – The Great Lakes Project Launch Oct. 6 RSL	Reconciliation Canada Oct. 17 RSL
MEC (NAIG) – OSWCO AGM Oct. 1-2 VKJ	Hagersville Food Bank Oct. 7 CJA, ES	Special Needs Education Meeting Oct. 17 VKJ
Infrastructure & Development Council Oct. 3 RSL, CJA, ES, CLJ	Economic Development Oct. 11 RSL, CLJ	FN Water Symposium Oct. 17-19 RSL
Hagersville Food Bank Oct. 4 CJA, ES	Education and S&HS Council Oct. 11 RSL, CJA, ES, MS, CLJ	Economic Negotiations Development Oct. 18 CJA, CLJ
Meeting w/Ontario Regional Chief Oct. 4 RSL	COO Energy & Economic Forum Oct. 11-13 CLJ, VKJ	TRC Event in Brantford Oct. 19 VKJ
Great Lakes Public Forum Oct. 4-5 RSL	Expo 2025 Oct. 12 CLJ	National Heritage Trust Oct. 19 RSL
National Indigenous Guardians Gathering Oct. 4-6 VKJ	Justice Conference Oct. 12-14 RSL, CLJ, VKJ	COO Hydro One Meeting Oct. 20 MS
MEC Meeting Oct. 5 CLJ, ES	LSK Education Authority, Reorganization Committee Oct. 13 CJA, ES	Strategic Planning Meeting with John Howe Oct. 20 RSL, CJA, ES, VKJ, CLJ
MNCFN Plaza Mtg. Oct. 5 RSL, CLJ, ES	SSHRC Grant Oct. 14 RSL, CLJ, CJA, ES, MS, VKJ	OPP Liaison Meeting Oct. 20 RSL, ES
Early Learning Committee Oct. 5 CJA, ES	Water Committee Oct. 14 CLJ, MS	PEACE (Progressive Early-learning Aboriginal Centres of Excellence Awards) Conference Oct. 21 ES
Lake Erie Source Protection Meeting Oct. 6 CLJ	New Credit Cultural Heritage Society Meeting Oct. 14 CJA, ES, MS, VKJ	MEC Expo Meeting Oct. 21 RSL, CLJ, CJA, ES, VKJ
Haldimand Hospital – Advisory Council Oct. 6 CJA	Regular Council Oct. 17 RSL, CJA, ES, MS, VKJ, CLJ	

October Political Gatherings

Biodiversity - Halloween in the Grove

Oct. 21
SL

MNCFN By-election

Oct. 22
SL, VKJ

Heritage Mississauga – Doors Open

Oct. 22
CJA

Executive Finance Council (Councillor Stephi Laforme sworn-in)

Oct. 24
RSL, CJA, ES, MS, VKJ, SL, CLJ

OPP Mental Health Meeting with Staff

Oct. 25
RSL, ES, VKJ, CJA

DOCA Negotiation Team Meeting

MS

MEC – Aboriginal Leadership Partners

Oct. 25
ES

Brant FACS

Oct. 25
CJA, ES, VKJ

MRP Meeting

Oct. 26
RSL, CLJ, CJA, EF, ES, MS, SL, VKJ

Expo 2025

Toronto City Council
Oct. 26
RSL, CLJ, VKJ



Members of Chief and Council meet to discuss Matrimonial Real Property.



MNCFN Election Code Review

Oct. 26
CJA, ES, MS, VKJ, SL

Wealth Creation

Oct. 27
CLJ, CJA, ES, MS, SL, VKJ

WCC Salt Baby

Oct. 27
CJA

MNCFN Operations Management Team

Oct. 27
RSL

Invictus Economic Opportunities

Oct. 27
ES

Negotiations Team Update

Oct. 28
CLJ, CJA

TARC Committee

Oct. 28
RSL, CLJ, CJA, MS

Water Committee

Oct. 28
CLJ, CJA, MS

Economic Development

Oct. 29
ES, CLJ

Monthly Gathering & Accord Signing

Oct. 29
RSL, CLJ, CJA, EF, ES, MS, SL, VKJ

AFN Infrastructure & Housing Forum

Oct. 31
VKJ

Legend

RSL - Councillor Chief R. Stacey Laforme

CLJ - Councillor Casey Jonathan

CJA - Councillor Cathie Jamieson

EF - Councillor Erma Ferrell

ES - Councillor Evan Sault

MS - Councillor Margaret Sault

SL - Councillor Stephi L. LaForme

VKJ - Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson

Infrastructure & Development, October 3

The following are highlights from the open portion of council meetings held during the month of October, 2016. For more details, please see the minutes which are available four to five weeks after each meeting at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

Green Willow Redevelopment

A report by Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) estimates repairs to the house on the Green Willow property to be \$121,000 and further indicated that the lifespan and energy efficiency of the building would be less than a newly constructed building. Demolition of the house, band shelter, and pool are estimated at \$56,000. Infrastructure and Development Council approved the recommendation made by the director of Sustainable Economic Development (SED) to demolish the house, band shelter and in-ground pool using funds approved in the SED budget.

Transfer Between Bands

The Lands, Research and Membership department has been tasked with revisiting the MNCFN transfer policy. Transfers between bands have been periodically held in abeyance for the past 30 years – most recently in February, 2010 as a number of requests came in immediately after the announcement that MNCFN and Canada were nearing an agreement on the Toronto Purchase Land Claim.

After months of consultation with MNCFN members, assessment of impacts with senior managers, and discussions at the council table, a revised draft has been developed. MNCFN I & D council approved the MNCFN Transfer Policy and directed LRM to work with Media and Communications to notify the band membership.

LSK Donation Request

Lloyd S. King Elementary School submitted a request through Lands, Research and Membership (LRM) for the school's annual Toy Bingo. A recommendation was made by LRM to approve \$3,000, as was approved in past years.

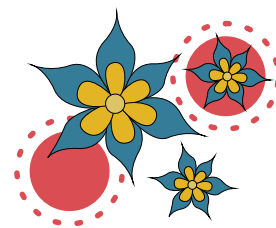
Infrastructure and Development Council approved the recommendation to donate \$3,000 to the LSK Toy Bingo event, using funds from the LRM's Donation Policy Budget. The donation funds will be used to purchase bingo prizes and raffles at the event.

Nanfan Deed Elder Interviews

In early spring, 2016, Chief and Council had requested the acting director of Lands, Research and Membership (LRM) to work jointly with legal counsel to move on to the next phase of the Nanfan Project; in essence, interviewing elders. The Nanfan Project is a research project, the findings of which are to be used to complement the analysis of published monographs and primary archival historical documents related to the 1701 Nanfan Deed. Council agreed to submit names of local Elders and other Elders from brother Anishinabe communities to participate in the elder interviews.

MRP Funding Request

The Lands, Research and Membership department's Matrimonial Real Property Unit has received approval of a proposal for the MRP Special Pilot Project: Category 1 Development of Laws: Legal Fees and Consultation. MNCFN Infrastructure and Development Council approved Chief Laforme to sign the funding agreement between MNCFN and the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association with a funding amount of \$25,000.



CN Rail Milton Intermodal Logistics Hub

Doug Devlin, of CN Rail, presented to MNCFN I & D Council on the Milton Intermodal Logistics Hub. CN Rail has consulted with and engaged with MNCFN since the beginning of this project through MNCFN's Department of Consultation and Accommodation. This project is required to go through a Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency public hearing process. MNCFN is a duly authorized intervenor in this public hearing process.

2015/16 Annual Report

The 2015/16 Annual Report must be published in order to comply with funding guidelines. MNCFN I & D Council approved the release of the report.

Minor Capital Application

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has approved an \$81,000 grant for a school expansion feasibility study. LSK Elementary's population

has grown by 20% since 2012 and has currently surpassed the maximum capacity the school was initially built to accommodate. The MNCFN I & D Council approved the signing of a BCR with INAC.

Support for Expo 2025 Bid

Councillor Casey Jonathan represents MNCFN on the Expo 2025 bid steering committee and requested that MNCFN Chief and Council issue a letter of support for the Expo 2025 bid in Toronto. I&D Council approved the request.

Chiefs of Ontario Special Assembly

MNCFN I&D Council determined that Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Erma Ferrell and Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will represent MNCFN at the "Special Chiefs Assembly and Leaders in the Legislature" event in Toronto from November 21st to 24th. Direction was provided to the office clerk to send MNCFN flags to Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations.

Education & Social Services, October 11

Native Horizons Treatment Centre Lease

In March, 2015, Native Horizons Treatment Centre (NHTC) requested that MNCFN Chief and Council consider granting another 25-year lease of their facility. NHTC Executive Director, Wanda Smith, presented to Education and Social Services Council and explained that a long term lease is important in order for them to secure funding to renovate the facility. MNCFN E&SS Council agreed to enter into a new agreement with NHTC for 25 years with a review of the lease every 5 years.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – Dakota Access Pipeline Fund

During the September Mississaugas Nation meeting in Curve Lake, MNCFN proposed a joint donation to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – Dakota Access Pipeline Fund. It was suggested that each Mississaugas First Nation contribute \$500 toward a joint Mississaugas donation which would be administered by MNCFN. MNCFN Education and Social Services Council approved MNCFN's \$500 contribution with funds to be provided through the Casino Rama fund.

World Diabetes Day



World Diabetes Day
Monday, November 14, 2016
9:00 – 12:30
New Credit United Church

In recognition of world diabetes day Community Health will be hosting this event to enlighten our community on different programs available with our community and surrounding areas. There will be different booths set up which will include massages, teas, naturopath and a few others!

Everyone welcome to attend! Door prizes to be won!
Light lunch will be provided from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm.
Bring your feast bag (if you have one!)

For more information contact Leslie Sault or Laura-Lee Kelly at 905-768-0141

Regular Council, October 17

Woodland Cultural Centre Board Membership

Councillor Erma Ferrell represents MNCFN on the Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC) Board and brought forward a recommendation to approve the submission of a band council resolution regarding MNCFN's membership with WCC. MNCFN Regular Council directed Councillor Ferrell to clarify the BCR text with WCC.

Chiefs of Ontario Energy Forum

The MNCFN Executive Director presented to Council

on the Chiefs of Ontario Energy Forum. A recommendation was made to ask the Ontario Energy Board and COO representatives to present directly to MNCFN members at the October Monthly Gathering.

Grand River Foster Parent Association

The Grand River Foster Parent Association requested the use of the MNCFN Community Centre free of charge for their annual Children's Christmas Party. MNCFN Regular Council approved the request.

Executive Finance Council, October 24

Heritage Mississauga Board Reporting

Faith Rivers, Heritage Mississauga Board Rep, was asked to report directly to Regular Council on a monthly basis rather than through the Media and Communications Department at Executive Finance Council.


Sale of Hydro One Shares

The Executive Director reported on her meeting at Chiefs of Ontario (COO) regarding the sale of Hydro one shares. A COO presentation was added to the agenda for the October 29th monthly gathering and the Media and Communications Director was directed to invite the other Mississauga Chiefs to attend.

First Nation Gas Card Program

The Ontario Ministry of Finance (OMF) is assessing the Ontario Gas Card Program. By addressing inefficiencies with the Program in collaboration with First Nation communities, Ontario aims to: respect and support First Nations' rights to purchase tax-exempt gasoline; provide a more efficient process for First Nation individuals to purchase tax-exempt gasoline; and provide a more efficient process for First Nation gasoline retailers to obtain tax refunds.

MNCFN Executive Finance Council directed the Director of Sustainable Economic Development to draft a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Finance.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Community Kitchen
 Tuesday November 10 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
 Social & Health Services (Lower Level)

Community Kitchen is a great program for anyone who would like to eat healthier or who would like to learn how to cook.

Healthy eating is a prevention for diabetes!
 Come out to learn new recipes and tips for cooking, to share your knowledge with others and try something new!

Please bring a container so you can take your delicious, healthy meal home.

To register or for more information contact Leslie Sault at (905)768-0141

MONTHLY GATHERING

Saturday October 29th

Monthly Gathering

Update on Energy Development (8392692 Canada Inc.)

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation's (MNCFN) Sustainable Economic Development (SED) department has set up a numbered company to manage earned revenues from various rooftop solar projects. The current members of the board of directors of 839 Co. (abbreviated name) are Cecil Sault and Darin Wybenga.

The company has an ownership interest in 39 active FIT (Feed-in-Tariff) projects with six different partners. FIT projects are green energy projects where the province pays proponents and developers for the energy they're producing through their projects. Those 39 projects have an estimated combined capacity of 8,330 Kw.

All the projects 839 Co. has an ownership interest in are rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar power stations. A rooftop PV system is an energy generation system that has its electricity-generating solar panels mounted on the rooftop of a residential or commercial building or structure. The projects are each between 30 and 500 Kw in size.

Currently, the board estimates the projects could earn total revenue (not deducting operational, administrative and legal costs or taxes) of \$1,915,620 over the next five years. After deducting expenses and taxes, the remainder will be available for use for further investments and/or community priorities, as determined by MNCFN Chief and Council.

Ontario Energy Board On-Reserve Hydro rates

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) are working to design an on-reserve rate for Hydro One customers. COO is working with the National Energy Board (NEB) and the Minister of Energy, Bob Chiarelli, to develop and implement this rate.



Amy Lickers, from the Chiefs of Ontario, updates the community on the Hydro One proposal to sell shares to Ontario First Nations

Proposed Sale of Shares in Hydro One Ltd. to Ontario First Nations

The proposed sale of Hydro One shares to Ontario First Nations is taking into account there are a number of historic issues between some First Nations communities and utilities. A proposed draft agreement from COO will be prepared by the end of November and a final agreement will come next summer, after consultation with all of Ontario's First Nations. There are 133 First Nations in Ontario. Amy Lickers, a senior advisor on intergovernmental relations with COO, told the monthly gathering that 80 per cent of Ontario First Nations have to be in agreement on the deal for it to move forward. Ontario First Nations would benefit financially by holding shares in the utility.

Next Monthly Gathering

10:00 Saturday, November 26th, 2016

Topics include:

- MNCFN Toronto Purchase Trust
- Annual Community Update - Georgina Villeneuve
- Annual Community Investment Performance Update - Jeff Frketich

Employment Opportunities

Casual/on-call reception relief

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

Closing date: Open call

Casual education clerk

Provide reception and clerical support with regard to the day-to-day operation of the MNCFN Education Department

Closing date: Open call

Casual supply teacher

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

Closing date: Open call

Casual Handy Worker

To assist the LSK Elementary School and Education Department with a variety of odd jobs, including furniture assembly/repair, weeding of gardens, troubleshoot and perform minor repairs, perform maintenance jobs and repairs; necessary clean up resulting from aforementioned tasks.

Closing date: Open call

Community Wellness Worker

The Community Wellness Worker – After School Program is responsible for providing after school care for attendees of the MNCFN After School Program.

Closing date: Open call

Social and Health Services Secretary/ Receptionist

Responsible for central reception and providing support to the Director and staff for all Social and Health Services located in the Social and Health Services building.

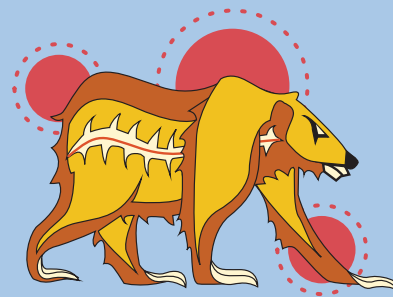
Closing date: November 10, 2016 at 12 noon.

LSK Caretaker

Perform custodial duties, minor maintenance and other miscellaneous duties as assigned in order to ensure the security and safety of the Lloyd S. King Elementary School and its staff, students and visitors.

Closing date: November 17, 2016 at 12 noon

For detailed job descriptions and to apply, visit: www.newcreditfirstnation.com and click on "More/Employment".



DOCA Open House

Highlights On-Going Projects

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation's Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) held an open house in September that was well-attended and highlighted a number of proponent engagements the department is currently involved in. Over 100 community members attended the fun event, which served up a delicious barbecue and was coupled with live musical entertainment and a bouncy castle for the kids.

Some Proponent Highlights:

Leaside to main infrastructure refurbishment project by Hydro One: Hydro One is planning to upgrade existing transmission infrastructure located at the eastern area of downtown Toronto. Specifically, Hydro One is planning to refurbish two sections of an underground 115 kV transmission cable. Hydro One retained Golder Associates and MNCFN to conduct baseline natural heritage surveys to support a required class environmental assessment.

Metrolinx rapid transit network: Metrolinx was created in 2006 by the Province of Ontario as the first regional transportation agency for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA). Plans are in the works to build a rapid transit network throughout the GTHA, as well as GO Transit expansion.

Nanticoke Solar Project: Nanticoke Solar aims to build a 44 Mw solar farm which will produce 73 million megawatt hours per year. Construction is planned for the final quarter of 2017 with an expected completion date of March 2019. Archaeological work and environmental assessments are underway.

East Don Trail Environmental Assessment: The project involves identifying opportunities and problems along the trail; potentially aligning an alternate trail; conducting an environmental study and implementing detailed design, restoration and construction plans that will adhere to environmental



Community members perused booths filled with information about ongoing/potential projects at the DOCA Open House September 28th.

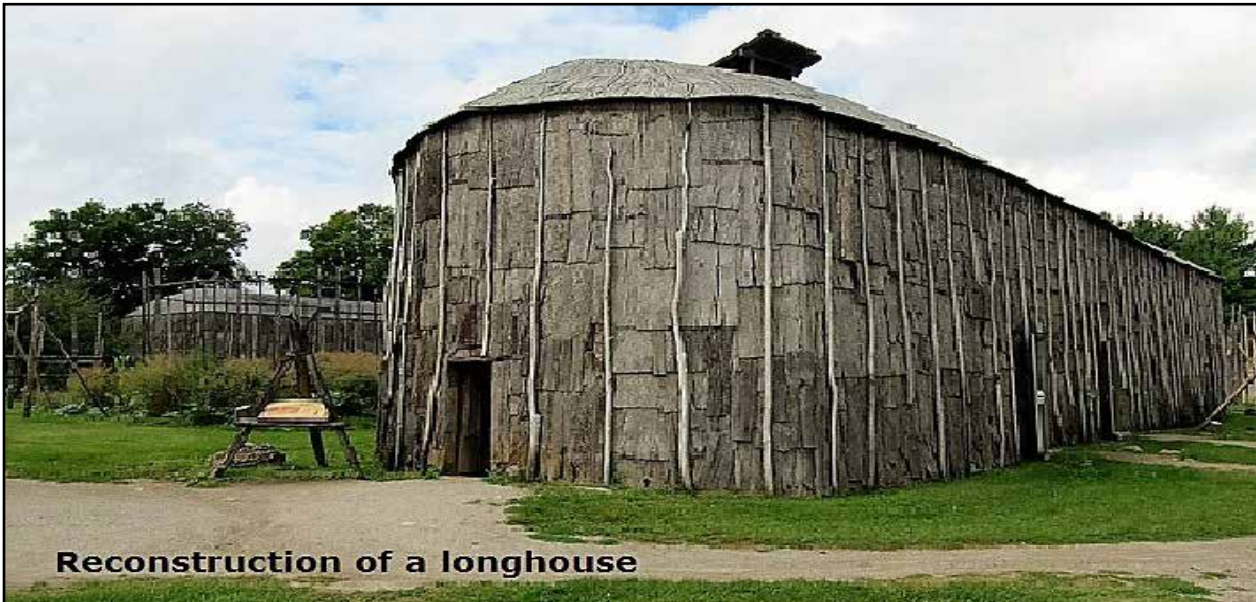
provisions. They are currently in Phase Four of the project – providing the environmental report to the ministry, before moving on to stage five – the implementation phase.

Scarborough Waterfront Project: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has initiated a study under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act to create a system of green spaces along the Lake Ontario shoreline between Bluffer's Park and East Point Park in Toronto. The project will integrate existing shoreline infrastructure or planned shoreline erosion works; identify access routes which provide multiple benefits for public use and recreation; provide environmental sustainability; and enhanced tourism opportunities; and result in the acceleration of priority shoreline erosion control works along the Scarborough Bluffs.

DOCA Director Mark LaForme says, "We have to be notified and consulted. It doesn't matter if it's land or water."

DOCA opened in January 2015 and started with four staff and 12 field monitors. They now have 8 office staff and 24 field monitors. He said their mandate was to be self-sustaining in three years and they did it in six months.

Update on Williamsburg project



A replica longhouse. Photo provided by MNCFN Department of Consultation and Accommodation.

Reconstruction of a longhouse

The Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) was established by Council and opened in January of 2015.

The primary purpose of DOCA is to engage with governments and private sector proponents on land and resource matters that may impact the rights and interests of the MNCFN within its Territory. This is as a result of the “Duty to Consult” which stems from various Supreme Court of Canada decisions relating to the Crown’s obligations to aboriginal communities regarding proposed land development when their treaty and traditional lands may be impacted. DOCA is positioned to initiate and respond to the Crown and proponents (developers), on developments within the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation traditional territory.

This year alone we have participated in 57 archaeological and/or environmental projects within the traditional territory.

An example of a large village site recently completed is the Williamsburg site in Kitchener. This site represents a 14th century (circa 1350 to 1500 AD) Wyandot village containing more than a dozen longhouses.

Tens of thousands of artifacts were recovered from

this site, including: clay pipes, domestic pottery, stone tools, animal bone, bone beads, ground-stone tools for wood working, scrapers, arrow heads and bone awls, amongst others.

This isn’t the only large village site in the area. Other longhouse villages pertaining to the same time period (14th to 15th centuries) are known along most of the major creeks. Archaeological investigations over the years have encountered more than two dozen sites within 5 km of the Williamsburg site. A large, Archaic (7,000 to 3200 B.C.E.) site is known to lie about a km to the west.

The specific occupation of the Williamsburg site was probably one of several villages in the region.

As no human burials or other human interments were found on the site, it is expected that a special burial site exists somewhere in the area that may have been for more than one village. This has not yet been found in the area. One of the functions of the DOCA field representatives is to be attentive to potential sacred and ritual areas such as burials.

It is not known where the inhabitants of this particular village went after leaving the area.

Future Aces collect cereal for Hagersville Food Bank

The Future Aces Leadership Team at Lloyd S. King Elementary School is learning the value of volunteering and charity work, after overseeing the collection of 62 boxes of cereal for donation to the Hagersville Food Bank from students, staff and parents.

Karl King, educational assistant at LSK, says the students, “Did a fantastic job. It teaches them about charity, it teaches them respect for the community and it teaches them generosity and gratitude for what they have.”



Future Aces, from left to right: Madison Maracle, gr. 7; Sebastian Lake, gr. 7, and Brianna King, gr. 5.

Update on Special Education Review

In September, we achieved a major breakthrough in our human rights case against the federal government. The case argues that INAC’s (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) special education program is underfunded and badly designed and that First Nations children receive inferior special education services as a result. We strongly believe in the principle that First Nations children deserve at least the same quality of education that non-First Nations children receive. When Chief and Council started this case in 2009, they hoped it could help our children and also help First Nations children across the province by addressing some of the bigger picture province-wide problems.

Under an agreement we entered into in September, the federal government will work with First Nations, including MNCFN (Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation), to identify and implement the reforms needed to improve special education services available to First Nations students on reserve. As part of this process, MNCFN will help coordinate a study to find some potential reforms. We will be working with First Nations education directors and educators from across the province to try to help come up with practical solutions to the problems with INAC’s special education program.

Under the agreement we also resolved a longstanding funding dispute between MNCFN and the

federal government. We are very pleased with this result. We believe it will allow us to provide more and better supports for our students that require extra attention.

We are trying to work together with new federal government in part because they have already made some very positive steps, including almost doubling the First Nations special education funding across the province. However, we also have a backup plan in case the government doesn’t live up to its promises. If that happens, we can resume our human rights case. By having this case in the background we can help support all the efforts by First Nations in the province to try to improve the special education program.

Kent Elson,
Klippenstein’s Barristers and Solicitors (on behalf of MNCFN)

Education Updates

Dates to Remember

Lloyd S. King Elementary School

- Nov. 8th** - Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:15 am
- Nov. 9th** - Intermediate Volleyball
- Nov. 12th** - Toy Bingo
- Nov. 16th - 18th** - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 17th & 18th** - Parent Teacher Interviews-report cards will be sent home.

Hagersville Secondary School

- Nov. 9th** - Parent Council Meeting-5:30 pm
- Nov. 10th** - Girls Basketball Zone Semi Finals at HSS
- Nov. 15th** - Boys Volleyball Semi Finals at CSS
- Nov. 17th** - Midterm Reports
- Nov. 18th** - NO SCHOOL-PD Day
- Nov. 23rd** - Grade 8 Night at 6 pm
- Nov. 24th** - Semi Formal

Updated status cards or a letter from Lands, Research and Membership are a must when applying for the high school allowance.

Post-Secondary

We have many course calendars available at the education department. If you are considering going back to school, call to make an appointment to discuss your plans with the Director of Education or the Education Assistant at (905)768-7107 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Applications for graduating in 2016 are available at the Education office and on the MNCFN website.

Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Social & Health Services (Lower Level)

Join us as we will be discussing creative ways to make advent calendars for the holiday season!

Light lunch provided!
Bring your feast bag if you have one!

Contact Leslie to register as limited space is available - (905)768-0141

Bring the family and come on out and support Lloyd S. King Elementary School in their fundraising efforts!

Some of the this years game/prize themes are:

The Great Outdoors - approx. value \$500.00	Girls 6-10 - approx. value \$500.00
Family Night Out - approx. value \$500.00	Boys 10-14 - approx. value \$500.00
Sports Night - approx. value \$500.00	Girls 10-14 - approx. value \$500.00
Family Night In - approx. value \$500.00	XBOX ONE - approx. value \$500.00
Bikes	Lego Mania - approx. value \$500.00
Smart TV - approx. value \$500.00	Toys R Us gift card - \$500.00
Boys 6-10 - approx. value \$500.00	iPad & Walmart gift card - \$1 000.00

LSK Toy Bingo
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Doors Open at 10:30 am
Games start at 12:00 pm
Six Nations Bingo Hall
2585 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken, ON

Bingo cards will be available for sale on site.
\$9.00 - \$15.00 / book
Door Prizes ★ Raffle Tickets ★ Bake Sale
Contact LSK School for more information
at 905-768-3222.

Employment Skills

Training for Youth

Mississaugas of the New Credit Employment and Training Department is currently hosting a series of six free workshops aimed at enhancing young people's essential employability skills. The main goal of the Youth Career Promotion and Awareness Program is to provide participants with skills and certificates that will help them with employment.

Workshops will take place on the following topics:

- WHMIS Certification
- Level C CPR training
- Computer skills
- Employability Skills and Resume Building
- Preparing for the Interview
- Presentation of certificates earned

Michele King, employment coordinator, says interested youth aged 15 to 30 years old can still sign up for the workshops. **Registration deadline dates are November 1 and November 15.**

The programs provide youth with basic employability skills, she said. The biggest barrier to employment for MNCFN youth, she says, is lack of transportation to and from work. "Transportation's always a big issue," said King. Employment and Training can help people obtain driver's licenses through the Ogwehowe Skills and Trades Training Centre's driving education program on Six Nations. The cost of lessons is covered 50 per cent by Employment and Training program funding while the trainee pays the other 50 per cent.

The CPR training is basic first aid, and the computer skills workshop will focus more on essential computer software knowledge, such as Excel and Microsoft Office.

King and her assistant Justin Brooks will facilitate the workshops at Social and Health Services, Building #2, lower level. Each workshop starts with a dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the training portion runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Interested participants can pick up registration packages at MNCFN Social and Health Services or the MNCFN Administration Office. Packages are also available for download at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

To register, call Michele or Justin at 905-768-1181 ext. 223. The program is open to all First Nation and Inuit members.



**8TH ANNUAL
CAREER FAIR**
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2016 • 9 AM - 4 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - WALI SHAH
9:45 am • Lloyd S. King School Gym

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT COMMUNITY CENTRE, BLDG #4
659 New Credit Road

Booth Information please contact:
NEW CREDIT EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING • 905-768-1181 • ext. 223



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

At Ekwaamjigenang Children's Center we look at our children as our gifts. They are at the centre of all circles, interconnected with all things. The wellness of the children and families indicates the wellness of the community.

We strive to focus on our Ojibway culture and teachings. For example, this month we harvested our gardens with the children. Children were able to taste the fresh vegetables that were planted in the spring. They enjoyed picking the tomatoes, string beans, onions. The children have also been very interested in singing and drumming; we have some talented blossoming singers, drummers and dancers. This learning enhanced the children's sense of belonging, and well-being.

We are always looking for community guests to share their gifts and talents with us. If you would like to join us, please contact Patti or Elisa in the office at 905-768-5036.

This month we had Elizabeth VanEvery, the Literacy Specialist from OEYC Haldimand Norfolk, come in with supplies to make "Magic Wands" and then she read us a story titled "Winnie the Witch." Grandmother Rene Thomas also joined us for story time and brought a variety of puppets sharing the reason why our creator has given us these special animals. This was a great example of how children gain a sense of engagement, expression and a connection to culture.

Our senior preschool group attended a fall field trip to Brantwood Farms where the children were able to have hands-on learning and engage with their surroundings and community. They enjoyed a wagon ride, picking their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, exploring through the corn maze and picking apples. A great time was had by all who attended.

October Ojibway words we focused on were:

Milk: doodooshaaboo (do-do-sha-bo)

Pumpkin: kosmaan (kooze-min)

Apple: mshiimin (me-she-min)

Leaves: niibish (knee-bishh)

Jacket/coat: biiskawaagan (piece-ka-waa-gun)

Hat wiikwaan: (wee-yah-con)

Boots mkizin: (moc-i-zin)

Mittens mjigaawan: (me-gee-ka-win)

The educators of Ekwaamjigenang attended the SWR PEACE (South West Region Progressive Early-learning Aboriginal Centre's of Excellence) Awards Banquet and Conference in London. Staff heard Dr. Jean Clinton, who is an Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at McMaster, division of Child Psychiatry. Dr. Clinton was recently appointed as an education



*Hudson
enjoys
some
fingerpainting!*

advisor to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education. The Educators were able to learn about the current neuroscience which supports the importance of positive relationships and interactions with children.

A couple of kind reminders from the Centre:

Please send appropriate outerwear for your child as the weather changes so quickly from day to day; items like hats, mitts, splash pants or snow pants, and outdoor boots/shoes will be needed for your child to fully enjoy our two-hour outdoor playtime.

If you have clothing donations size 12 months-6X we will gladly accept them.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Friday, November 18th CLOSED for P.D Day

Monday, November 21st CLOSED for P.D. Day

Wednesday, November 30th December Fee's Due

Thursday, December 22nd January Fee's Due

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

Nominate an exceptional educator today!

2016-17 Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Nomination deadline: January 9, 2017

Awards worth up to \$5,000

www.pma.gc.ca

Townline Estates Beautification Project



Townline Estates playground view from the side of the road. (Photos by Caitlin LaForme)



The beautification of Townline Estates has come to life. This past fall saw a flurry of activity during construction of the beautification project at the housing complex on New Credit Road, where Dundas-based company Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds worked their magic in creating a beautiful and natural space for kids to play and others to enjoy the scenery. The beautification project involved the installation of a natural outdoor space fit for all ages, made of wood, plants, and recycled materials, along with various spots for rest, relaxation, and cultural initiatives.

The landscaping project is teeming with hundreds of indigenous trees, shrubs and plants along meandering paths that surround a slide, a fire pit and natural outdoor amphitheatre. Bushes have been planted around the perimeter of the outdoor space and a large, upside-down tree greets visitors entering the space from the south.

The benefit of the natural playground is that it helps connect children with nature and allows them to explore their environment. The kids will have a chance to peel back the bark of the trees in the playground and find little creatures during the warmer weather.



Children enjoyed playing on the new slide on a beautiful fall day.



The kids had fun trying to balance on the logs.



Playground designers used hardwood and cedar which insects are inclined to avoid, which helps prevent infestations of pests.

The design will have a minimum lifespan of 10 years and cost about \$200,000. About 25 trees and over 700 plants and shrubs were planted.

Fall Housing Update

Fall is just around the corner and it's important to keep your house maintained and prepared.

Raymond Hill-Johnson, technical resource manager for the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Housing Department, has some tips for homeowners on how to prepare for the fall season.

Here are a few fall maintenance tips on how to do just that:

- For the roof, inspect its surface, the flashing, the eaves, and the soffits. If anything needs to be repaired, be sure to do so.
- Make sure to clean your gutters and downspouts. Inspect and repair their weak points. Also check for a proper slope.
- For your chimney or stovepipe, clean out the flue pipe (more frequently if needed). Repair any cracks or any loose crumbling mortar.
- Inspect and clean your siding and be sure to repair if needed.
- Take a look at the exterior caulking, if it's deteriorating or should be replaced, make sure to do so.
- For your storm windows and doors, replace any cracked or broken glass. Tighten or repair any

loose or damaged frames and repaint it if needed. Replace damaged hardware, tighten and lubricate door hinges and closers.

- If your window or door weather stripping doesn't seal or if the weather stripping is deteriorating it may need to be repaired or replaced.
- And the last tip: clean the heat sensor, contact points, and contacts on your thermostat. Check its accuracy and replace it if it is not functioning properly.

Men's Program

October 5, 2016 – November 30, 2016
(Wednesday Evenings) 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

This program is weekly for all men!
Bring your positive attitude and drop in for an evening to share & learn!
Light refreshments will be available.
Door prizes and weekly draws!

Childcare is available –
please call before 12pm on day of if required.
Contact Stephanie D. Laforme at
905-768-1181 ext 224



Standard First Aid and CPR Course
November 16 & 17, 2016
9:30am – 3:00pm
Social and Health Services
(Lower Level)

New Credit Community Health is offering this comprehensive 2 day course to MNCFN band members for FREE!
(Non-member fee \$130.00)
Training includes CPR, AED and First Aid with topics such as:

- wound care
- bone, muscle & joint injuries
- head & spine injuries
- sudden medical conditions
- environmental emergencies and poisons

Please bring your own lunch and refreshments as well as paper and a pen to take notes.

Registration required. Must present a valid status card.
Please call Laura-Lee to register at 905-768-0141 Ext 241.

“Beyond Bullying”

November 9, 2016, 5:00 – 8:30 PM
A Suicide/Anti-Bullying Presentation MNCFN Community Centre

Social and Health Services – Mental Health Program is pleased to bring this important presentation to the community!
The following speakers will be presenting:

“Suicide Silence” - Andrew Bear from Aboriginal Mental Health Institute in Saskatchewan

“Cyber Bullying” - Carol Todd from Amanda Todd's Legacy in Vancouver

“Bullying” - Julie Barnes from Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

Everyone is welcome to attend and we ask that people register in order to prep for dinner. Door prizes to be won and there will be music and entertainment to enjoy!

To register please contact
Kari Ivany or Karen Campbell at 905-768-1181

Lands, Research and Membership Donation Policy

Donations granted under this policy are normally intended as one-time special event funding to assist band members. The maximum donation an individual can receive is \$500 in a fiscal year or an amount approved by council and to groups at a maximum of up to \$2,000 per fiscal year or an amount approved by council.

The funds are deemed to be special event funding for the advancement of members through academic excellence and sportsmanship under the categories of education, health and welfare, sports and recreation, arts and culture and the environment.

The donation funding does not cover costs for hockey registrations, purchasing of equipment, tuition, books, or travel and accommodations. The Donation Policy covers the period April 1 to March 31 of each year.

To be eligible under the policy, applicants must:

- Be a group, individual, organization, or project affiliated with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation that promotes and strengthens the local community.
- Be of direct benefit to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and its members.
- Have a clearly-defined, worthwhile purpose relevant to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and its people.
- In order to monitor the applicant's progress and final results, Chief and Council require a written report outlining progress within 14 calendar days of the event/course completion. If this requirement is not adhered to the applicant will not be considered for future donations.
- All portions of the application must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Requests from outside organizations, both Native and Non-Native, may be considered depending on their benefit to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Councils and membership.

For more information or to pick up an application, visit the lands, research and membership office or download an application online at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

Historical Gathering registrations **now open**

Mark your calendars: the annual Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Historical Gathering is set to take place on February 15, 16 and 17, 2017.

The special three-day gathering will showcase the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, their lands, their waters, their people and their contribution and role in shaping Ontario and Canada over the past 150 years.

Registration is now open for the much-anticipated annual Historical Gathering, with plenty of interesting topics on the agenda for the three-day event. The Grand River Conservation Authority – Heritage Working Group is marking its 20-year-old Heritage Day anniversary through a unique partnership with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation by celebrating Canada and Ontario's 150 anniversary and by recognizing MNCFN's pre-and-post-Confederation contributions to Canada and Ontario.

On day one, February 15, speakers will address pre-confederation history.

On day two, February 16, there will be a focus on confederation.

On day three, February 17, the event will address post confederation.

E-mail Historical.Gathering@outlook.com or call (905)768-0100.

Note, space is limited.

MRP Engagement Survey

Aanii,

Please take a moment to review the following survey and complete if you haven't already and submit to the MRP Office at your convenience. Any questions or concerns please contact Karin.Hill@newcreditfirstnation.com or Kelly.Szczesniak@newcreditfirstnation.com; 905-768-1133 ext. 248. It will also be available on the website at www.newcreditfirstnation.com.

Please tear off and mail completed surveys to:
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road RR 6
Hagersville, Ontario
N0A 1H0

1. Do you think that MNCFN should have a Dispute Resolution Process?

- YES
 NO

2. Do you think that spouses who are divorcing/separating should have to sell their family homes and the value of what they got for selling their home be divided between the spouses?

- YES
 NO

3. If spouses are both MNCFN members and one person is granted full custody of the children, the spouse with full legal custody shall receive the family home to live in; do you agree?

- YES
 NO

4. If one spouse is a MNCFN member and the other spouse is a non-member; the non-member is granted full custody; shall they receive the family home for a lifetime?

- YES
 NO

5. Should "Domestic Contracts" (pre-nuptial agreements) be enforceable by MNCFN?

Explain: _____

6. What things should be considered when a court or dispute resolution committee is trying to decide whether to apply an exclusive occupation order (A Court Ordered designation of who may reside in the Matrimonial Home on the MNCFN Reserve)? Check all that apply.

- Any existing orders against any of the spouses
 The financial situation of both spouses
 The medical condition of the spouses
 Any domestic contract between the spouses
 How long the couple lived in the family home
 The availability of other suitable and affordable accommodation
 Any family violence
 Other: _____

7. Upon the death of a Spouse, should the remaining Spouse be given a lifetime lease? Please explain.

8. Should MNCFN deal with all property matters?

- YES
 NO

9. Do you feel each partner should only be eligible for what they financially put into the family home?

- YES
 NO

10. Should MNCFN Council incorporate a Spousal Compensation Fund?

- YES
 NO

11. What does customs, traditions and practices mean to the Members of MNCFN and the MRP Law? Explain.

MNCFN Outreach Activities

One-year Countdown to Invictus Games

Date: October 1

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Evan Sault.

The Chief and Councillor participated in the one-year countdown celebration.



Councillor Evan Sault and Chief R. Stacey Laforme at the Invictus one-year countdown celebration.

13th Annual Doors Open Mississauga – Aboriginal Gathering at The Grange – Heritage Mississauga

Date: October 1

Location: Mississauga

MNCFN Representative(s): Elder Garry Sault, Faith Rivers, Carolyn King, Carla Campbell, Mark Sault, Caitlin Laforme, Stephi Laforme, Councillor Cathie Jamieson.

MNCFN reps attended the event, featuring an aboriginal gathering and traditional medicinal teachings, drumming, art, and more.

Great Lakes Public Forum

Date: October 4 to October 6

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

The Chief attended this bi-national conference to talk about the state of health of the Great Lakes.

Rotary 7080 District Conference in Niagara Falls

Date: October 14 to October 16

Location: Niagara Falls

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

The Chief spoke at the district conference.

Massey College High Table Dinner

Date: October 14

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme. The chief spoke on First Nation issues.

Heritage Toronto Award Ceremony

Date: October 17

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Carolyn King, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Stephi L. Laforme (elected Councillor on October 22), Councillor Casey Jonathan, Councillor Margaret Sault.

MNCFN members came out to support and congratulate Carolyn King on her Heritage Toronto Award (see page 37).

Six Nations Veterans' Parade

Date: October 18

Location: Ohsweken

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

The Chief participated in the Six Nations' Veterans' Parade.

Imaginative Festival Welcome Gathering

Date: October 19th

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

A film festival presenting a collection of film, video, audio, and digital media works, in addition to exhibitions, panels & workshops, and special events.

October Moon Celebration

Date: October 21

Location: Brantford

MNCFN Representative(s): Councillor Margaret Sault

The October Moon Celebration was an extravaganza and silent auction with proceeds going towards a project to build the new Aboriginal Community Hub in Hamilton and Brantford.



Chief R. Stacey Laforme addresses the media at the Expo 2025 press conference.



Chief and Councillors in Toronto at "The Secret Path" album unveiling by Gord Downie.

Expo 2025 Press Conference in Toronto

Date: October 21

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Casey Jonathan.

The Chief addressed the media on MNCFN's support for Toronto's 2025 Expo bid.

A Secret Path

Date: October 21

Location: Toronto

MNCFN Representative(s): Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Councillor Casey Jonathan.

Chief and Council attended Gord Downie's unveiling of his final album.

Sandhill Ceremony Honours Historical Veterans

When colonizers dug into the ground at Bloor and Young in Toronto to make a skyscraper so many years ago, they were digging up a burial site where Indigenous veterans were laid to rest.

Dozens turned out to take part in a feast for the dead to honour those Indigenous warriors at the Sandhill Burial Site on Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at 1 Bloor St. W. Most of the veterans hailed from the War of 1812, and were buried alongside descendants of the Mississauga people.

According to historical lore, settler bodies at the Sandhill site were re-interred elsewhere in Toronto, while Indigenous bodies were not relocated and were lost in the construction work of 19th century in Toronto.

Elder Sault conducted a ceremony to honour the veterans' remains. Chief Laforme also provided comments, before the group enjoyed an Indigenous feast, which Sault called "A Feast for the Dead."

"There was an Anishinabe cemetery," said Elder Sault, referring to the Sandhill site. "It was so hauntingly beautiful that people who came to the area wrote all about it."



MNCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Elder Garry Sault attended the ceremony with Minister David Zimmer and Toronto City Councillors.

The ground was dug up, said Sault, to build a skyscraper. The veterans remained buried underneath a parking lot in the heart of one of the busiest and most populated cities in the world.

Among the veterans honoured were warriors who had stayed behind at Fort York to fight off invading American forces during the War of 1812. One of the warriors was responsible for killing a key American commander during battle, said Sault. "He opened up our minds to the sacrifices veterans make."

Donations needed for

Hagersville Food Bank

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Ontario Works caseworker, wants to remind members that the Hagersville Food Bank is here to help low income individuals, and that they are also seeking donations.

The Hagersville Food Bank has been helping low-income households since December 2012 and serves six designated rural routes including all of the MNCFN.

The Food Bank is located at 5 Marathon Street (the old Tim's Tire location) in Hagersville. It is behind Cheerful Charlie's Chip Wagon and directly across Highway 6 from Tim Hortons. The coordinator of the Food Bank is Janice Schweder, who initiated the start-up of this facility upon her retirement from Hagersville Secondary School.

Janice can be contacted on Thursdays at (289)-758-3789 or you can leave her a message.

All clients who wish to access the Food Bank must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be low-income.
2. Must complete the registration process on-site.
3. Provide proof of all sources of income and proof of monthly expenses.
4. Must provide birth certificates and status cards for all members of the household.
5. All clients must inform the Food Bank of any changes to their personal information.
6. All clients must re-register at the end of every year.

The Food Bank is open every Thursday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Food Bank is also seeking donations.

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

- Red jam (strawberry, raspberry)
- Canned fruit
- Peanut Butter

Donations can be taken directly to the food bank or dropped off with Lindsay Sault at the Social and Health Services building, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, Lindsay can be contacted at: (905) 768-1181 x. 225.

Traditional Family Parenting Program
Mondays November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2016
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
MNCFN Social and Health Services
New Credit Family Support Unit is offering this 5 module program on Traditional Family Parenting.
This program will be hosted by Native Wind Consulting. Certified Addiction Specialists Sherri-Lyn Hill and Dennis Fitzpatrick will be discussing topics such as:
How did our ancestors raise their children?
Importance of bonding, soft spot and Moss bag swing
Lateral Violence: Healing from Colonization
Renew Parenting skills using the teachings and values
Much more....
This is a free program but limited space is available!
Please call Pat Jamieson at 905-768-1181 to register!



Christmas Basket Registration
Deadline for submission is Friday, November 25, 2016
Eligible applicants must stop by MNCFN Social and Health Services between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm to complete a form.
Eligibility to receive a Christmas Basket:
OW, ODSP, EI, Low Income
Further eligibility criteria:
•Low-Income is subject to needs assessment
•One Christmas basket per eligible household
•Recipients must be having dinner at their home
•All applicants must reside on the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation



For more information please contact:
Lindsay Sault - Ontario Works Case Worker
905-768-1181 ext. 225

PUBLIC WORKS

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

✔ CORRECT PLACEMENT



✘ INCORRECT PLACEMENT



- ✔ Residents are entitled to four (4) bags per household for collection per week.
- ✔ Individual garbage bags or cans, when full, must not exceed a standard size of 66 cm X 91 cm (26" x 36") and a weight limit of 45 lb (20 kg).
- ✔ Bags or cans should be placed **as close to the roadway as possible** for collection.

Accommodating the Re-Organization Needs of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

With extensive renovations completed in October at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Agimaw Gamig administration building and community centre boardroom, “we’re addressing the interim needs as stipulated within the Organizational Review,” says Public Works Director Arland LaForme.

Updated furniture, lighting and additional office space are the prominent features of the renovations, which also includes new Wi-Fi access points for offices and the boardroom. The Agimaw Gamig and Community Centre Boardroom renovations will both have wireless hook ups for presentations on the flat screen monitors for easy viewing.

These renovations will no doubt address the need for more office space and better utilize the existing space. Perhaps the biggest change community members will notice is the reconfiguration of the reception area upon entering the Agimaw Gamig administration building. The reception area is bigger and has moved from the right-hand side of the entrance to the centre of the front entrance which will allow both the reception-

ist and visitors to make eye contact and communicate better directly upon entering the building.

The old reception area has been closed off and will be utilized as a new relocated printing room. The mail room has been relocated to address controlled access needs and ensure confidentiality is maintained. A former kitchenette on the lower level has now been turned into a janitor’s closet.

New drainage lines were installed in the women’s bathroom to accommodate a new kitchenette within the new lower-level council chambers.

The spruced-up council chambers in the lower level of the Agimaw Gamig building is now located where the Sustainable Economic Development Department used to be located. There will be a kitchenette in the council chambers and power hook-ups are now much more efficient and safe, with electronic outlets underneath the boardroom table, which now seats 18 people.

The addition of a power hook-up underneath the table

Renovations continued

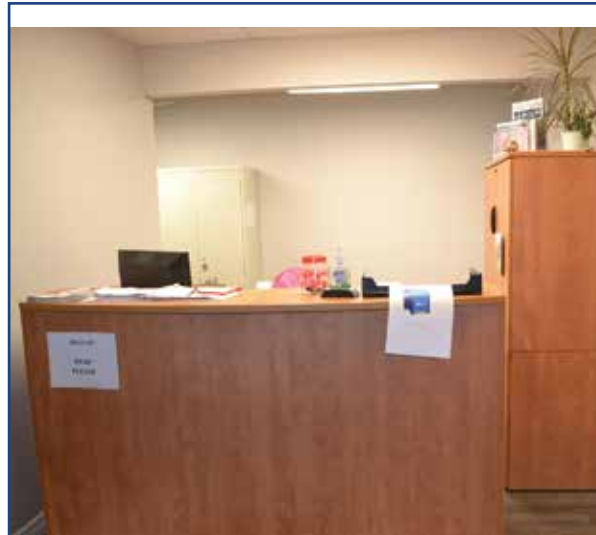
eliminates tripping hazards, says LaForme. Similar presentation needs will be incorporated into the new Council Chambers with wireless hook ups and a flat screen installed for easy viewing.

The former council chamber was re-designated for use as two relocated offices for the Sustainable Economic Development Director and the Sustainable Economic Development Assistant and four new offices for existing department use.

The community centre caretaker rearranged the existing table and chairs in the community centre boardroom, which included the removal of a demising wall between the existing coatroom and boardroom.

“Nobody used the coatroom before,” said the Public Works Director. A portable coat rack is still available for visitors to hang up coats.

The boardroom now features an 18-person table in the centre of the room, with wires hidden underneath, again, to avoid tripping hazards. Cords will no longer be



The newly renovated front entrance

running across the room into power outlets in the walls.

Conference lighting was installed, with the capability of being dimmed, with new LED lights, which save on power. The new community centre boardroom is “bigger” and “more versatile” and will be better utilized as meeting space in the future, said LaForme.

Connecting the Hands of the Community - Truths about Postpartum Depression and Parenthood



Award-winning facilitators and Co-Authors of “The Smiling Mask – Truths about Postpartum Depression and Parenthood” and “Behind the Mask – Trust, Adjust and Transform your Life!” Carla O’Reilly and Elita Paterson provide awareness, acceptance and understanding of Postpartum difficulties.

Draws and Door prizes to be won!
This event is free to the community!
 For more information please contact Leslie, Laura Lee or Beth at 905-768-1181.



**Wednesday,
November 23, 2016**

5:30pm-8:30pm
 MNCFN Community Centre
 Wednesday night session -
 Open to the Community

Dinner will be provided from
 5:30pm-6:15pm

**Thursday,
November 24, 2016**

9:00am-3:30pm
 MNCFN Community Centre
 Thursday day session -
 Professionals and Community

Lunch will be provided from
 11:30am-12:30pm

FASD Family Fun Day

New Credit Social and Health Services – Community Health held a fun-filled Family Fun Day in September while drawing awareness to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Amid the bouncy castles, face painting, and delicious breakfast buffet, participants got to learn about alcohol and its effects on pregnancy.

The main message of the event was: FASD is 100 per cent preventable. Information handed out during the event provided many useful tips for anyone affected by or wishing to learn more about FASD.

Some facts about FASD:

- FASD is an organic brain disease that results in disability when a mother drinks alcohol while her growing fetus is developing
- A person diagnosed with FASD can exhibit a range of symptoms, including: poor impulse control, learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, interpersonal difficulties, social difficulties, sen-



FASD Family Fun Day

- sory issues
- FASD is 100 per cent preventable by abstaining from all alcoholic beverages when pregnant, planning to become pregnant, and during breast-feeding
- Alcohol causes more damage to the developing baby's brain than any other substance
- There is no cure for FASD. It is a lifetime disorder
- One drink of alcohol kills 150,000 brain cells
- Caring for people in Canada with FASD costs at least \$600 billion a year

- People can also suffer from Fetal Alcohol Effects, which is not as severe as FASD
- Not all people with FASD exhibit the facial characteristics typically associated with the disease: small mid-face, epicanthal folds (the inner fold of the eye), smooth philtrum (the space between the nose and upper lip), small head circumference, short nose, low nasal bridge, and thin upper lip
- New research is coming out showing that a potential father's alcohol consumption can affect the DNA he passes on to his baby, as well.

Clothing Giveaway



November 19 & 20, 2016
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

Community Health have organized a clothing give away for community members to help each other out. Bring a bag and take what you and your family may need. There will hopefully be an abundance of clothing available for all sizes.

Coffee and water will be available. If you would like to volunteer your time to help out, please contact Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141.










Community Health has a number of resources available for people wishing to learn more about FASD. For more information, contact Social and Health Services at 905-768-0141.

Screen for Life Coach Brings Cancer Awareness During Caring Together Week

The Screen for Life Coach – sponsored by Hamilton Health Sciences – saw a number of community members undergo screening tests for three types of cancer: breast cancer, cervical cancer, and colorectal cancer – during this year’s annual Caring Together Week in September.

The state-of-the-art bus is a testing facility on wheels, with on-board equipment commonly used to screen for those types of cancer.

Manning the bus on September 21 and September 22 during Caring Together Week were Carrie Claxton, M.R.T., Kathi Potter, R.N., and Elisabeth Silverthorne, reception with the Ontario Breast Screening Program – Screen For Life Coach.



Carrie Claxton, MRT, Kathi Potter, RN, and clerk Elisabeth Silverthorne in front of the Screen For Life Coach

Community Health Baby Fair



Miranda King-Green with her babies Keenan and Riki.



Clothing Donations

Clothing Donations will be accepted from November 10-17, 2016 at Social and Health Services

Community Health is in search of gently used clothing to provide a free clothing give away to our community. If you could go through your closets and donate your clothing you don't wear anymore such as snowsuits, coats, boots, shoes, shirts, pants of all sizes will be much appreciated!

Let's help each other out, lend a hand! Miigwetch to everyone in advance for your help.

For more information or to make a donation please contact:
Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141
Stephanie D. LaForme at 905-768-1181
Michelle LaForme at 905-768-1181



Carly Martin with her baby Leo, 3 months.

MNCFN Annual Halloween Party!



Over 100 people of all ages got dressed up for the annual Halloween party



Wiley and Manny dressed as a scary werewolf and lego Ninja



Little Olivia stole hearts as a fluffy baby gorilla



Councillor Cathie Jamieson really got into the spirit and dressed up as a panda for the annual Halloween party.



4TH ANNUAL EMBRACING OUR GRIEF

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

Please call to register at 905-768-1181
Kari Ivany
Mental Health Worker Ext 238 or
Karen Campbell
Children's Mental Health Worker Ext 250



This is a free event! Dinner will be provided. Family Activities and Door prizes to be won!

Community Skate

Every Wednesday starting October 12, 2016 until March 29, 2017 (no skate on Wednesday, November 9th)
4:00 pm - 4:50 pm, Gaylord Powless Arena
The After School Program welcomes New Credit community members to join in a Community Skate every Wednesday at the Gaylord Powless Arena in Ohsweken beginning October 12, 2016 and ending March 29, 2017!



A portion of the ice will be available for hockey - no pucks please! Everyone on the ice must wear a helmet.

Any questions please contact Shelly, Hayli or Jesse in the Community Support Unit at 905-768-1181.

Beyond Bullying: How do we get there?

The New Credit Social and Health Services – Mental Health Unit is gearing up to host an informative series of presentations on bullying in November. And although many think of bullying as simply a childhood problem, that's not the case, says Kari Ivany, mental health worker. It affects people of all ages, from preschool children in daycares, to adults in the workplace. That's why she and her staff are hosting a series of bullying presentations and workshops this month at local schools and workplaces.

Ivany says there is a lack of information on how to deal with bullying – in schools and in the workplace. "I think we need to be educated," she says. "It leads to more bullying, depression, alcohol abuse and suicide. People who bully are people who are bullied. They get bullied at home. They have to feel like they have power over others."

Ivany says bullying is a problem in many places where community members congregate: at the daycare, the local elementary and high schools, and workplaces.

She's heard of Grade 5 students self-harming and contemplating suicide because of bullying. For students off-reserve, racial bullying is a big problem, she says, and it's part of why her team is conducting one of the anti-bullying/suicide presentations at Hagersville High School for the entire student body.

The Mental Health Unit is hosting three presentations titled "**Beyond Bullying**" – A Suicide/Anti-bullying Presentation":

On November 9 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Hagersville Secondary School for the staff and students on learning how to identify, prevent and intervene with bullying and suicide.

On November 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and **November 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Community Centre for all MNCFN staff members to learn how to identify, prevent and intervene with bullying and suicide

On November 10 - an all-day event at Lloyd S. King Elementary School, where presenters will be bringing in speakers to present age-appropriate presentations on bullying and suicide throughout the day for students and staff.

On November 9 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., there will be an evening session open to all community members at the Community Centre with special presentations by notable speakers, including:

Andrew Bear, from the Aboriginal Mental Health Institute in Saskatchewan, on "Suicide Silence"

Carol Todd, mother of Amanda Todd, a teenager from British Columbia whose suicide sparked international headlines about the severity of consequences from online bullying. Ms. Todd will be speaking about cyber bullying. She has started a foundation in her daughter's memory called "Amanda Todd's Legacy."

Julie Barnes, a MNCFN member, who will be speaking about the general topic of bullying.

There will be door prizes and entertainment. Anyone interested in attending the presentations are asked to register in advance by calling Kari Ivany or Karen Campbell at 905-768-1181.

EMBRACING OUR NEW LIFE

Are you looking to keep yourself occupied in your recovery or seeking recovery?

November 10th – Coping Strategy - Early Coping Strategies

November 24th – Coping Strategy - Gratitude

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Social & Health Services Building (Lower Level)

Embracing Our New Life is a great program to help you succeed by offering coping skills/ strategies and cultural activities to celebrate living a clean lifestyle.

This program is on-going and held every other Thursday!
Healthy Refreshments Available! Drop Ins are Welcome! Door Prizes to be won!

Contact Tanya at 905-768-1181 Ext 230 or
email: Tanya.Laforme@newcreditfirstnation.com

Home and Community Care

Programming - A Brief Overview

Policy Statement:

The Home and Community Care Program provides services to frail, elderly people and individuals of any age who have physical and/or mental disabilities, individuals enduring acute or chronic illness and people who are convalescing at home. These services attempt to sustain and/or expand the scope of a family or caregiver's capacity to continue to care for the family member at home.

Purpose:

The Home and Community Care Program is accessible to persons who meet the eligibility criteria of the program. It is essential that the Home and Community Care services required by the applicant are not available within his/her home or from other community resources, and that the person's needs can be adequately and appropriately addressed by the Home and Community Care Program.

When it comes to defining "elderly," the Home and Community Care Program states the definition as: "an individual aged 55 years or over." Other eligibility criteria defining the elderly, disabled or those suffering from an acute illness can be obtained by contacting the Home and Community Care Unit at 905-768-1181.

The Home and Community Care Program helps people who need supportive, palliative and acute care to remain independent at home. The program encourages and supports self-care and assistance provided by the family and/or community.

The unit offers a host of fun get-togethers every month and activities throughout the year for clients to have fun and interact with each other.

It offers services and programs such as Meals on Wheels, a foot care clinic, a craft day, euchre and help with shopping, among others.

The unit also provides a number of informative workshops throughout the year on various topics, such as home safety, medication safety, pain management, and a number of others.

The unit is comprised of three full-time personal support workers (PSWs); one registered nurse/coordinator/supervisor; one registered practical nurse; one respite worker; one home maintenance worker; and a cook.

Emphasis is placed on assisting individuals and families with enabling the elderly and disabled to remain independent, self-reliant, and comfortable in their homes for as long as possible.

Home and Community Care Programming for November

Home and Community Care offers this monthly programming to clients and any other frail elderly people; individuals of any age who have a physical and/or intellectual disability; individuals enduring acute or chronic illness; and people convalescing at home.

Please contact Fran LaForme for more information at 905-768-1181.

Nov 8 **Craft Day**
Nov 29 **Social Luncheon**
Every Friday **Euchre**

Business Grants Program

Are you interested in growing your business? The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Business Grants Program provides financial aid in the form of equity gap funding to eligible New Credit band members via the MNCFN Community Trust.

The objective is to enable the project proponent to use the funding to leverage conventional debt financing for business start-ups or expansions in order to pursue business opportunities.

The program is delivered through the MNCFN Community Developer. Project proponents are required to submit an acceptable business plan that documents an opportunity to establish or expand a viable business.

All acceptable proposals that meet program guidelines will be assessed by the Community Developer using standard business case criteria.

Subsequently, the Project Review Board (PRB) will review the due diligence assessment and related documentation and recommend approval or denial of financial support for the project.

All Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation members are eligible that:

- Have submitted an acceptable business plan
- Can substantiate an opportunity to establish or expand a viable business and demonstrate the need for an equity contribution to complete the financing package
- Can demonstrate sufficient knowledge and experience to meaningfully manage or participate in the proposed venture.

Eligible projects:

- For-profits that will establish or expand a viable business, thereby creating sustainable jobs and enhancing community wealth.

All project must meet the following conditions:

- Where necessary, completion of an environmental screening and identification of all necessary mitigation measures as per the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act or other applicable acts
- Where applicable, acquisition of required land tenure (permits, licenses, leases, etc.)
- Completion of a market analysis assessment which confirms a competitive environment that will not dislocate existing businesses.

Grants can range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Applicants are also encouraged to access funding from other programs, such as Aboriginal Business Canada, Heritage Canada, Aboriginal Capital Corporations, etc.

For further information, interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Sustainable Economic Development department.

FREE !
Anishinaabemowin
Classes

Kinomaagaye Gaamik Lodge's
Nancy Rowe
 674 New Credit Road
New Credit
First Nations

Tuesday's
Starting
November 1st 2016
6pm to 8 pm



Welcome to New Councillor Stephi. L. LaForme!

Thank you to Touche Harris and Stephanie D. LaForme for nominating me in the by-election. Thank you to those who voted for me on October 22nd. I look forward to representing our First Nation and working for our membership in the coming months.

I am confident, determined and committed to our First Nation and truly believe we need to mentor our youth who will lead this First Nation into the future for generations to come.

Our membership needs to become more proactive in the community by volunteering for community events, joining committees, attending the community meetings, and representing our First Nation in a positive and professional manner to the surrounding communities and other First Nations.

If we do not invest in our membership/community, then all the lobbying and relationship building for our rights



New
Councillor
Stephi. L.
LaForme

and traditional territory will be in vain. We NEED you, the membership, to do your part and get involved in our community. Council is only a strong voice if the Membership has their back. I will make myself available to meet with anyone that has concerns or has questions regarding programs and services. Council hosts meetings every month to update the membership on various topics and looks for feedback from the membership. Come out and ask your questions; voice your concerns.

BE INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY, IN YOUR FUTURE, IN YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE
Stephanie L. LaForme, Band Councillor

By-election results:

The following is a the final, official count for candidates in the October 22, 2016 by-election. Based on the total votes, Stephanie L. LaForme was declared Elected on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Name of Candidate for Councillor and number of votes received:

- Steven Boulton: 10
- O. Tyler Greene: 11
- Bill Rodger LaForme: 57
- L. Adrian LaForme: 6
- Stephanie L. LaForme: 69
- Kenneth Shawn Sault: 31

**New Credit
Business Showcase**

December 2nd, 2016 • 6 pm - 9 pm
December 3rd, 2016 • 9 am - 3 pm

Mississaugas of the New Credit Community Centre,
Building #4 • 659 New Credit Road

Vendor Information please contact:
NEW CREDIT EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
905-768-1181 • ext. 223




CARING TOGETHER WEEK



People packed the MNCFN Community Centre for the Health Career Fair
(Photos by Donna Duric)



Councillor Evan Sault gets soaked in the dunk tank during Caring Together Week activities



Youth had fun learning about all the work paramedics do at the Health Career Fair.



Kids had a blast running in and out of the bouncy castles!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF CARING TOGETHER WEEK ACTIVITIES

Winner of the \$300.00 Freezer Pack - **Todd Kick Jr.**

Winner of the Open House Passport - Adult Bike - **Wayne Miller**

Winner of the Open House Passport - Youth Bike - **Gracie King**

CARING TOGETHER WEEK ATTENDANCE:

Monday - Opening Ceremony/Social & Health Services - **226 people**

Tuesday - Education/Daycare/LSK - **214 people**

Wednesday - Health Fair - Community Health Dept - **236 people**

Wednesday - Chief & Council/Administration - **226 people**

Thursday - Open House - All Departments - **223 people**

Friday - Ec. Dev. Department & DOCA Department - **180 people**

We are looking for "NEW IDEAS" / "food menu" for next year. Please contact the Social & Health Services or email to Rachelle.Ingrao@newcreditfirstnation.com or call 905-768-1181.

Miigwetch to everyone who attended Caring Together Week!

New Credit Biodiversity Team wraps up a busy summer and fall

The New Credit Biodiversity Team had a busy summer and fall!

The team took three fantastic trips and held a number of events over the summer and fall: a creek waterway cleanup on September 20th (from Mississauga Road to the plaza water site), a trio of workshops, and a fall harvest celebration with its garden club.

The water clean-up was a successful endeavor, with hundreds of items of recyclables gathered during the clean-up. The New Credit side of Cayuga Road was cleaned, with the

group gathering 720 pieces of recyclables (aluminum cans, plastic containers, plastic bottles, beer bottles/cans, and glass). The group also collected 216 recyclables from an area that stems from the Hagersville Quarry and meets up with the Grand River.

It is estimated that the cleanest water site is on Townline Road on the perimeter of the reserve, based on last year's data.

Last year, 88 kg of garbage was taken to the Tom Howe Site from four water sites. This year, 60 kg of garbage came from two water sites. There were 13 bags of garbage from the Cayuga site. Last year there were 12 garbage bags from four sites. The beer bottles and cans collected in these areas will be used for future clean up supplies. The group is also considering adding a "Don't litter" fine sign.

The group held a number of workshops this year, one of which included practicing how to start a fire.

They also gave out 11 Black-Eyed Susan plants, and 80 untreated "blanketflower" seed packs at the powwow, which were assembled by the New Credit Summer Youth Program participants. Also during the powwow, the team presented a Bur Oak sapling from the "Grove" to Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

There are over 200 saplings in the Grove and the tallest saplings are now tagged with orange tags (thanks to the New Credit Summer Youth Program participants) for the team to keep an eye on.

The pow wow also saw its second year of waste diversion efforts with the help of Walker Environmental; 69% of garbage was diverted from the landfill.

In Memoriam:

In loving memory of our brother "90", who suddenly passed away Nov. 26, 2015. You're so greatly missed. I had a dream last night that you were here once more. Everything had gone back in time to the way it was before. It was such a beautiful dream. We laughed and reminisced. We told you that we loved you and just how much you're missed. Forever and always missed brother - Sue and Joe, Dice, Bonnie, Greg, Hubberd and Elvis. Till we meet again.

Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

It's getting close to that wonderful time of year again, when sparkly decorations adorn homes, businesses and offices, festive dinners and concerts abound, and little ones begin dreaming about the magic that awaits them under the tree on Christmas morning.

There's also the age-old tradition of caroling door-to-door, harkening back to the days of yore when neighbours and communities were more connected. Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation wants to bring that back!

Do you love the holiday season? Do you love to sing? Do you love connecting with your neighbours and community? Do you love breathing in the crisp, cool winter air, as fluffy snowflakes gently fall to the ground, turning the world into a magical snow-covered wonderland? If so, a group of community members want you to join them in their quest to spread some Christmas cheer in the community this holiday season by singing carols door-to-door. Caroling is a great way to connect community members and neighbours and it's a wonderful delight for elders or single people lacking in family, or who may feel lonely during the Christmas season.

If you'd like to join in the fun or if you would like carolers to visit your door this Holiday Season please call:

•Dale at 289-527-0523 •Mike at 519-802-1492

•Julie at 905-516-3700

Come on out and spread some Christmas cheer!

Carolyn King honoured with Special Achievement Award

Tireless volunteer Carolyn King received a prestigious award from Heritage Toronto to recognize her for making exceptional contributions to the preservation and dissemination of Toronto's heritage.

She accepted the award on Monday Oct. 17 during a gala event at the Isabel Bader Theatre. King received the award in recognition of her decades-long efforts to preserve the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation's community and to celebrate and share First Nations heritage in the greater Toronto area. She was also interviewed by CBC Metro Morning about her achievement.

MNCFN Chief, Council, and staff wish to congratulate MNCFN member Carolyn King on being named



the 2016 Special Achievement Award recipient from Heritage Toronto.

Woodlands School Visit

In mid-October, at the height of MLB fever between the Blue Jays and the Cleveland franchise, Chief and Council undertook a successful awareness campaign to draw attention to offensive team logos and names that denigrate Indigenous culture and people.

The school started a social media campaign, punctuated by the hashtag #notyourmascot, saying that Cleveland's team name and logo has to go.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme and a number of councillors visited the school to thank the students for their help and valued efforts toward reconciliation.

Councillor Casey Jonathan said, "Seeing youth taking the initiative to educate themselves on indigenous issues and getting involved is great! Woodlands Secondary School students are using their voice to create change and people are listening. A student was telling me how surreal it was to her that people were listening to what they had to say. I told her that's what happens when you're

not afraid to speak your truth and that their voice matters. We're grateful to have Woodlands students and staff standing by our side."



Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Councillor Casey Jonathan pose with students holding the MNCFN flag.

WANTED: One acre of land

MNCFN Band Member looking to buy a parcel of land on the New Credit First Nation.

Please contact Gayle Fallowfield at



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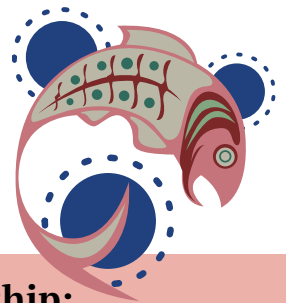
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Lands/Research/Membership:

Phone: 905-768-0100

Sustainable Economic Development:

Phone: 905-768-1133

Housing:

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EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	PG.
NOV 9	Men's Program	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:00 pm	20
NOV 9	Community Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4:00 pm	30
NOV 9	Beyond Bullying: Anti-Bullying Presentation	MNCFN Community Centre	5:00 pm	20
NOV 10	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 10	Embrace Our New Life	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:30 pm	31
NOV 10	Community Kitchen	S&H Services-Lower Level	1:00 pm	10
NOV 10-17	Clothing Donation Drop Off	S&H Services	8:30-4:30 pm	29
NOV 12	LSK Toy Bingo	Six Nations Bingo	12:00 pm	16
NOV 14	Traditional Family Parenting Program	S&H Services	5:30 pm	25
NOV 14	Wellness Group	New Credit United Church	1-3,6-8 pm	5
NOV 14	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 15	Lunch and Learn	S&H Services-Lower Level	12:00 pm	16
NOV 16	Men's Program	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:00 pm	20
NOV 16	Community Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4:00 pm	30
NOV 16	Beyond Bullying: Anti-Bullying Presentation	MNCFN Community Centre	5:00 pm	20
NOV 16-17	Standard First Aid and CPR Course	S&H Services-Lower Level	9:30 am	20
NOV 17	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 19-20	Clothing Giveaway	S&H Services-Lower Level	10-4 pm	28
NOV 21	Traditional Family Parenting Program	S&H Services	5:30 pm	25
NOV 21	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 23	Men's Program	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:00 pm	24
NOV 23	Community Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4:00 pm	30
NOV 23	Truths about Postpartum & Parenthood	MNCFN Community Centre	5:30 pm	27
NOV 24	Truths about Postpartum & Parenthood	MNCFN Community Centre	9:00 am	27
NOV 24	Embrace Our New Life	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:30 pm	31
NOV 24	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 26	Monthly Gathering	MNCFN Community Centre	10:00 am	11
NOV 28	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	
NOV 29	Traditional Family Parenting Program	S&H Services	5:30 pm	25
NOV 30	Men's Program	S&H Services-Lower Level	6:00 pm	20
NOV 30	Community Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4:00 pm	30
DEC 2	8th Annual Career Fair	MNCFN Community Centre	9:00 am	17
DEC 2	New Credit Business Showcase	MNCFN Community Centre	6:00 pm	34
DEC 3	New Credit Business Showcase	MNCFN Community Centre	9:00 am	34
DEC 5	Traditional Family Parenting Program	S&H Services	5:30 pm	25
DEC 6	4th Annual Embracing Our Grief	MNCFN Community Centre	5:00 pm	30

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