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Moccasin Identifier Featured at New Ontario Place Park



Carolyn King
with Ontario
Premier Kath-
leen Wynne at
the opening of
the new Trillium
Park.

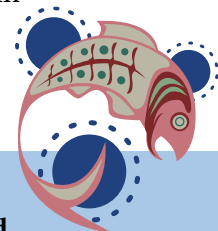
Visitors approaching the new park at Ontario Place are greeted with a sign that says “The design of Trillium Park was inspired by Ontario’s rich natural landscape, built by its people and guided by a special partnership with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, whose

influence is visible throughout its landscape.”

During the opening ceremony on June 19th, Chief Laforme called the park a “moccasin step toward reconciliation” referring to Carolyn King’s Anishinaabe Moccasin Identifier which is sandblasted on both ravine walls near the park entrance. (continued on page 23)

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.



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Chief Laforme with Joe Wild, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 9th in Toronto. The MOU outlines MNCFN's identified rights, needs and interests, particularly the priorities that have been identified as important to MNCFN such as the implementation of existing treaties, new governance models, and the resolution of outstanding claims.



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Message From

Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Aanii:

I acknowledge Canada's Sesquicentennial and remind Canada that my people have been here for thousands of years and not to forget our voices during their 150.

The past 150 years have taken their toll on us, yet we are still here, the stewards of these lands. We have been hurt but we have not been broken. We have survived attempted genocide through the residential schools, the sixties scoop, and continuing INAC legislation that tries to determine who is and who is not a member of our nation. That is the ultimate attempt at genocide.

Canada must recognize there are those who will not celebrate 150 years. There is anger and we have a right to anger, and Canada must understand and respect that.

One of the most important things Canada took away from us was our right to choose. Our language, our culture, and our identity were all dictated by Canada. No people will ever again take away our right to choose. If indigenous people choose not to participate, that must be respected. If they choose to participate, educate or even celebrate that must be respected as well.

I have chosen to participate during their sesquicentennial. I see this as an opportunity; I will share knowledge, build bridges and try to move toward cultural equality. I will not celebrate, I cannot, but I will participate. I cannot let this opportunity pass.

I have already met with governments around this messaging and that I will be part of their 150 but as a means to educate.

Sesquicentennial

We will celebrate a land, a place that was a dream to my people and became a place that others dreamed to come to

We will celebrate a way of life that respected nature
We will celebrate and embrace those who love and cherish the land

We will celebrate our past for the past is our greatest teacher

We will celebrate our children for they have our love
We will celebrate a relationship that could, but does not exist

We will celebrate your children for they too have our love

We will celebrate the future for we have faith
We will celebrate a country where we stand hand in hand

We will celebrate a belief in freedom
We will celebrate those who will not stand idle
We will celebrate life, liberty and the pursuit of justice

We will celebrate democracy and equality
We will celebrate all those who gave so much that we could stand here

We will not celebrate your sesquicentennial
We will not raise a glass, light a candle or whistle a tune
We will not celebrate until Canada becomes what it once was

We will not celebrate until Canada becomes what it could be

When we, all of us are equal
When we have taught our children to value each other
When greed and corruption are finished

When water and land are valued above the mighty dollar

When the rights and liberties of all people are protected
When all the people of this land stand and say enough
We know who we are, and we know our worth

We know the value of the ground on which we stand
On that day we will all celebrate.

Miigwetch,
Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Let's Learn Anishinaabemowin: Powwow Words...

Powwow – anishinaabe niimiwin

Dance – niimin

Dress –majigoode

Feather – miigwan

Grass – mashkosiw

Headdress/feather bonnet – miigwani-wiikwan

Drum – dewe'igan

Music – madwewechige

Food – miijim

Gathering – mamaamowi-majiiwidiwin

Ribbons – zenbaaens

Translations provided by Tena Sault

Historical Tidbit By Darin Wybenga

Dr. Peter Edmund Jones (1843-1909) was a man of many talents. The son of Chief Rev. Peter Jones, he was the first status Indian to graduate with a medical degree from a Canadian medical school. He served as the Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and later as its Indian Agent. He was an accomplished chess player, taxidermist, and collector of First Nation curios. Between 1885 and 1886, he was also a newspaper publisher.

The first edition of Jones's paper, *The Indian*, was published by the Indian Publishing Co. of Hagersville, Ont., on December 30, 1885, and was the first Indigenous newspaper in Canada. Jones wrote many of the articles himself and sought to educate his Canadian First Nation readers about their recently granted right to vote under the Indian Advancement Act of 1885.

Jones wanted his First Nation readers to take advantage of their opportunity to vote and possibly elect members to Parliament who would give voice to First Nations' concerns in Ottawa. Not merely a political newspaper, Jones also included stories about other First Nations throughout Ontario, local Six Nations

and New Credit news, cultural pieces, as well as the usual newspaper fare of obituaries and the like. Jones even saw fit to include a serialized biography of Joseph Brant as well as a serialized version of *The Last of the Mohicans*. Especially interesting to read, and revealing of the times, is some of what would now be classified as offensive advertising. Advertising directed at the people of New Credit and Six Nations by Hagersville merchants stated: "The Indians will always be treated right and goods sold cheap" or "Indians dealt with and waited upon in the same manner as other people." A perusal of *The Indian* will show modern readers that, despite the passage of time, the more things change the more they stay the same for First Nations people.

The Indian lasted for 24 issues and then was abruptly folded in 1886. Jones could not obtain sufficient subscribers to make his newspaper profitable. Jones, despite the lack of success in his journalistic endeavor, must be saluted as a pioneer of Indigenous journalism.

The New Credit Public Library has available for reference a collection of all 24 editions of *The Indian*. The library is indebted to Fiona Clark, the widow of Dr. Allan Sherwin, for donating his copies of *The Indian*. Dr. Sherwin was the author of the award winning book *Bridging Two Peoples: Chief Peter E. Jones, 1843-1909*.

The Anishinaabe Clan System

The Eagle Doodem



The clan system for most Indigenous cultures was traditionally a form of governance for the people.

Every clan had their own roles and purpose that pertained to the greater good of the entire community. Within the Anishinaabe Clan System, each clan had not only their own purpose, but the members of that clan were said to have certain personality traits to assist with upholding the clan structure.

One of dozens of Anishinaabe clans is the Eagle Clan, or “Migizi Doodem” in the Anishinaabemowin language.

Carolyn King, former chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and tireless community volunteer, says the Migizi Doodem is one of the most important doodems.

The Reverend Peter Jones, who led the Mississaugas of the Credit to their present-day location near Hagersville, Ont., was of the Migizi Doodem.

“It is the communicator and it is the one that sees the future because it can fly so high and has such good eyesight that it can see a long distance,” says King. “The eagle is revered for that.”

She said most of the people who came to the New Credit reserve with Jones were of the Migizi Doodem. “Our

role as the eagle clan people was to see the future and protect all of that.”

King said the tradition has changed and it varies from person to person on whether or not someone inherits their doodem from their mother’s side or their father’s side.

“They have to decide,” said King. “Our systems have changed.”

Doodems are mostly named after certain animals or plants.

A person’s doodem is an integral part of their identity and is often used in introductions.

The traditional Anishinaabe greeting when meeting someone new was: “What is your doodem?” - translated as, “Aaniin odoodemaayan?”

The Migizi Doodem is part of the Baswenaazhi group of doodems; those that are tasked with outgoing, international communications.

Another notable member of the Migizi Doodem was renowned Mississauga Ojibway missionary and spokeswoman Nahnebahwequay, also known by her English name Catherine Sutton.

Engagement Continues on MNCFN Strategic Plan



MNCFN members discussed the Strategic Plan at the June monthly gathering at the Community Centre.

Member engagement continues on the MNCFN Strategic Plan with both the June and July Monthly Gatherings dedicated to this purpose.

Currently, the Strategic Plan is structured under seven pillars. The key priorities, as identified by the membership, will be advanced by a team led by an MNCFN Councillor and comprised of a small group of senior managers and MNCFN members.

The latest draft of the MNCFN strategic plan is available for review at www.mncfn.ca. Members are encouraged to register on the website and provide input on the document. Alternatively, members of Council are available to discuss the strategic plan with you.

Council contact information is available on the inside back cover of each Eaglepress Newsletter. Members of Council will also be available at the MNCFN Community Centre for the Monthly Gathering on July 22.

Currently, the following Councillors have been designated to the pillars identified below (Chief Laforme would be actively involved in each pillar):

Pillar 1: Inclusive Prosperity, Economic Growth, and Job Creation
Councillor Casey Jonathan

Pillar 2: Nation Well-Being and Wellness
Councillor Evan Sault

Pillar 3: Environment and Sustainability, Stewards of our Air, Land, Water and Natural Resources
Councillor Cathie Jamieson

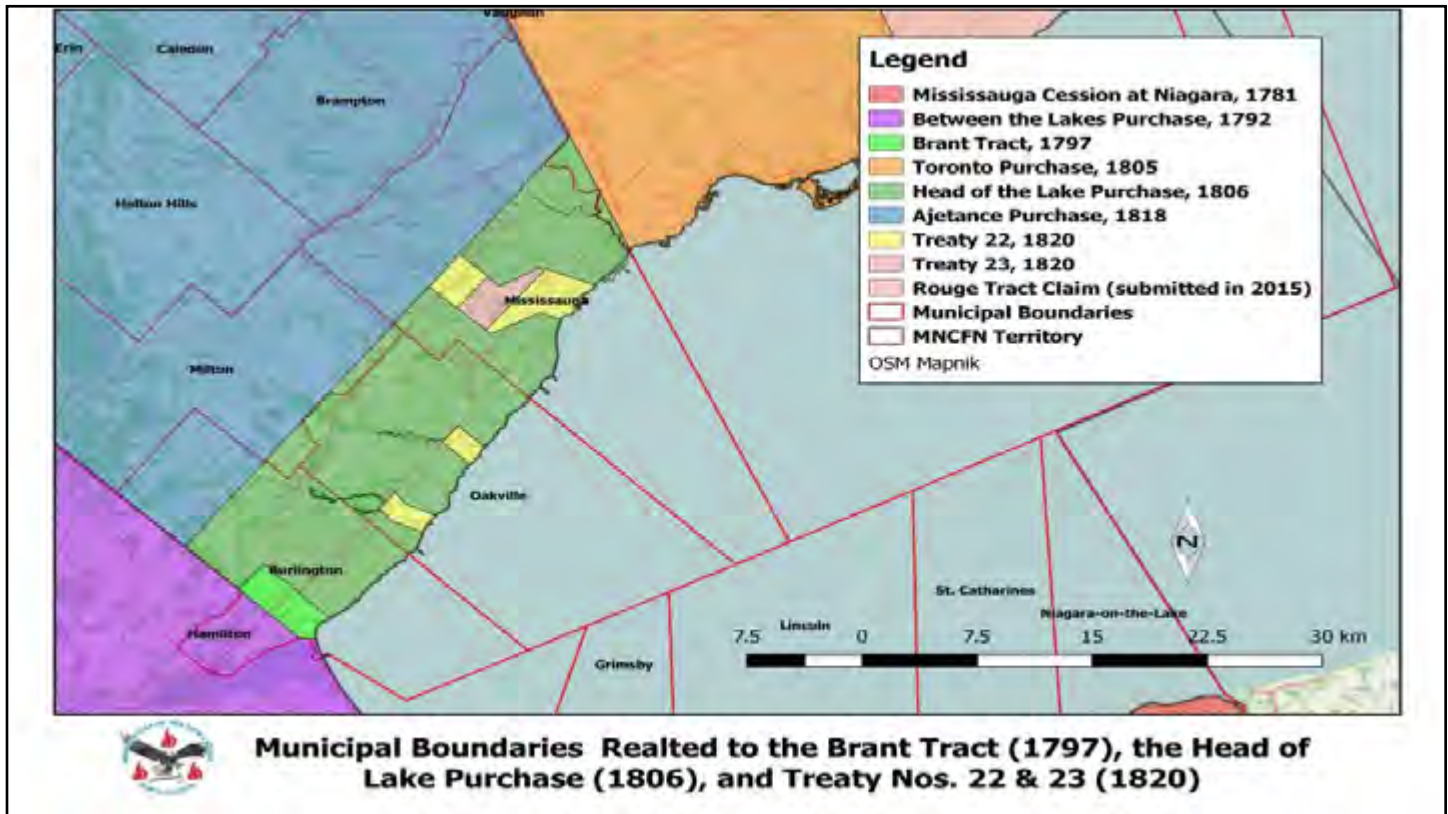
Pillar 4: Education and Awareness
Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson

Pillar 5: Striving to be an Independent and Sovereign People
Councillor Erma Ferrell

Pillar 6: Infrastructure, Community and Membership Development
Councillor Stephi Laforme

Pillar 7: Inclusive Leadership and Governance
Councillor Margaret Sault

Cessions of 12 Mile Creek, 16 Mile Creek and River Credit Reserves (Treaty 22 & 23)



The completion of the Ajetance Purchase of 1818 left the Mississaugas of the Credit with three small reserves at 12 Mile Creek, 16 Mile Creek, and the Credit River. Noting the distress and poverty of the Mississaugas, William Claus, Deputy Superintendent of the Indian Department, met with Mississaugas of the Credit ancestors and proposed the surrender of their remaining lands.

Claus promised that the proceeds of the sale would be used to instruct the Mississaugas in the rudiments of the Christian religion and also to provide education for their children.

In addition, a portion of land consisting of 200 acres located in southeasterly portion of the Credit River Reserve would be set aside as a village site for the Mississaugas. On February 8, 1820, according to the terms of Treaty 22, the Mississaugas acquiesced to the Crown and ceded their lands at 12 and 16 Mile Creeks along with northern and southern portions of the Credit River Reserve.

Treaty 23, negotiated later the same day, saw the central portion of the Credit River Reserve, along with its woods and waters, ceded to the Crown for £50.

For both Treaty 22 and 23 the Mississaugas believed that they were placing the lands into the hands of His Majesty to hold in Trust so they could live there unmolested forever. Instead the Crown took the lands and sold them all to whites between 1820 and 1847. This led to the removal of the Mississaugas from the Credit River Mission established by Chief Peter Jones in 1827 and to the relocation in 1847 to their current reserve near Hagersville.

The conclusion of Treaty Numbers 20 and 23 limited the Mississaugas of the Credit to 200 acres of land at the Credit River. The Mississaugas, who had once effectively controlled 3.9 million acres of land at the conclusion of the Beaver Wars, found themselves with far less than one percent of the former lands. The lands ceded by the Mississaugas of the Credit have developed into one of the most heavily industrialized and densely populated areas of Ontario and Canada.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Chief and Council regularly participate in meetings and other gatherings to further MNCFN objectives. Below is a list of meetings that members of council have attended from May 20 to June 16, 2017.

Executive Finance Council May 23 SL, ES, MS, CJ, CLJ, EF, VKJ, RSL	NAIG Meeting May 25 ES	Harmony Collaboration Project May 30 CJ
CTW Meeting May 23 SL	DOCA - CN Open House May 26 SL, EF, CLJ	Rotham College – Strategic Planning Course May 31 EF, MS, CJ, CLJ
Pow Wow Meeting May 23 SL	Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Committee Meeting May 26 CJ, CLJ, RSL	NAIG Day at LSK May 31 ES, SL, RSL
University of Toronto – Graduation May 24 SL	Water Committee Meeting May 26 CJ	Education Authority Restructuring Meeting June 1 ES, CJ
Executive Strategic Business Leadership Session May 24 CJ	INAC Meeting May 26 RSL	Environmental Group Gathering June 2 MS
Health Hospital Investigation May 25 CJ	Monthly Gathering May 27 SL, EF, CJ, RSL, CLJ	National First Nations Consortium June 2 RSL
Cultural Committee Meeting May 25 CJ	Special Council Meeting - Finance May 29 SL, ES, MS, CJ, RSL	Infrastructure & Development Council June 5 SL, CJ, CLJ
Economic Development Committee Meeting May 25 MS	Deloitte Teleconference May 30 SL	Indigenous Relationship Building June 5 – 6 MS, RSL
Deloitte Security Meeting May 25 SL	Strategic Plan Meeting May 30 MS	Pow Wow Meeting June 6 SL
Pow Wow Meeting May 25 SL	Negotiations Team Meeting May 30 CJ, CLJ	Border Crossing meeting June 6 EF
	Smart Cities Meeting May 30 CLJ	

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Board of Directors' Meeting of Ganohkwasa June 7 MS	Economic Development Committee Meeting June 12 MS	Councillor Casey Jonathan Meetings from April 14 to May 19: -Special Council - Wealth Creation: Apr. 17 -Wealth Creation Meeting: Apr. 18 -INAC Proposal Meeting: Apr. 24 -Executive Finance Meeting: Apr. 24 -Negotiations Meeting: Apr. 25 -Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Committee Meeting: Apr. 28 -Tour of Economic Development Corporations: May 1 to 3 -Jane's Walk - May 4 -Wealth Creation Meeting: May 5 -Tour of Economic Development Corporations: May 9 to 10 -CCAB - Annual Aboriginal Economic Development Conference: May 11 -Regular Council: May 15 -Sodexo Canada Meeting: May 16 -Wealth Creation Meetings: May 17 and May 18
Major Events Committee June 7 SL	Mississauga Nationhood Strategic Planning Session June 13-15 ES, SL, RSL	
Economic Development Committee Meeting June 7 CLJ	Negotiations Team Meeting June 14 CJ, CLJ	
First Nations 2008 Limited Partnership June 8 MS	Credit Valley session June 14 MS	
Water Committee Engagement Session at LSK June 8 CJ	Conference call with lawyer & Economic Development Committee June 14 MS	
First Nations Education Collective Meeting June 9 ES	MNCFN Presentation to CNE Board June 14 ES, RSL	
Mississauga Conservation - Lakeview Waterfront Collective June 9 CJ	Workshop on the Economic Development Corporation and Charter June 14 MS, CLJ	
Indigenous People Court in Cayuga June 9 MS	Meeting with Canadian National Exhibition Board June 14 RSL	
Education & Social Services Council June 12 ES, MS, SL, CJ, RSL, CLJ, EF, VKJ	Invictus 100 Days Out Event June 15 ES, RSL	
PHT Meeting June 12 SL	Fallingbrook - Historical Recognition and Flag Presentation June 16 CJ	

Legend

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

*Calendar for May 20 to June 16 meetings not available

Regular Council, May 15

OPP Monthly Report

27 incidences were reported for the month of April

2017. This compares to 23 incidences in 2016, 28 in 2015, and 38 in 2014.

Executive Finance, May 23

NAIG Athlete Support

Cory General gave a presentation on behalf of MNCFN athletes who are selected for Team Ontario in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). Council agreed to provide \$500 to each MNCFN member participating in the NAIG to cover NAIG-related expenses.

Shortage of FLRs in the Field

With an unexpected and significant influx of archaeological work this season, DOCA requires at least 15 additional FLRs. Executive Finance Council gave approval to extend the positions of the Field Liaison Representatives (FLRs) for a period of up to six months with an exit clause included in the agreement.

NAIG Volunteer Village

Council allocated a preliminary budget of \$50,000 for the NAIG Volunteer village to be held on the for-

mer Green Willow property in order to prevent delays associated with the preparation costs of the site for accommodation of the NAIG volunteers. Note: the volunteer village on MNCFN has since been cancelled.

Support for Resurfacing and Widening Hwy #6

Council approved a request from the Haldimand County (HC) Mayor's office for a letter of support to uphold the understanding between MNCFN and HC as adjacent communities and the need to address the health and safety issues associated with the Ministry of Transportation's planned resurfacing and widening of hwy #6 project.

Powwow Budget

MNCFN Chief and Council approved \$40,000 to the Pow Wow Committee for the 31st Annual Three Fires Homecoming and Traditional Powwow.



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New Credit Indian Reserve
R.R. #6, Blue # 2789 Hagersville, Ontario
For GPS coordinates: Long 80 deg 5 min 41 sec, Lat 43 deg 0 in 0 sec

For further information call:
Cultural Coordinator: (905) 768-3067 (May-Aug)
Admission: \$5/person- 6 years and under - FREE

www.newcreditcc.ca

Executive Finance, May 23

Tragic Events

Council approved a request for proposals to contract a suitable individual or group to develop a tragic events response plan for MNCFN.

Environmental and Regulatory Advisor

Council approved the position of Environmental and Regulatory Advisor and that it be placed within the Department of Consultation and Accommodation. This is with the recognition that it will replace the position of strategic advisor. Funds for this position will come from DOCA.

Permission to Hold Events in MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory

Executive Finance Council did not object to Kadeem Dunn holding the Sauga City Cup and the Alternative Controller Fair in Mississauga subject to licenses and other approvals that may be required by the City of Mississauga or Ontario.

CanivalNationz

MNCFN received a request from CarnivalNationz for

Infrastructure and Development, June 5

Finance Policy Revisions

The finance policy was revised to increase the limit of authority of the MNCFN senior managers to purchase items from \$3,500 to \$5,000 without approval to purchase from the Director of Finance and the Executive Director. Items over \$5,000 but not exceeding \$10,000 require such approval. MNCFN I&D Council approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MNCFN and Indigenous and Northern Affairs. The MOU is a result of exploratory discussions through the department of Consultation and Accommodation named the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination.

Damage Report - Watermain

Council authorized the Public Works Director to forward a damage report to Six Nations Natural Gas Ltd. requesting reimbursement for the repair costs to the water main at 3566 Mississauga Rd. on April 19, 2017

endorsement of CarnivalNationz regalia in the 2017 Caribana parade. Council directed the Media and Communications Director to draft a letter to Carnival-Nationz providing education on MNCFN and further stating that MNCFN cannot endorse the First Nations regalia as presented because it does not reflect Mississauga Nation culture.

INAC Amendment

Council accepted and authorized the signing of Amendment #18 which to MNCFN's INAC agreement which provides set funds in the amount of \$38,168 for the 2017/18 fiscal for:

- \$9,125 for new paths for education and school effectiveness to be allocated to the Education Department
- \$3838 for the Youth Employment Strategy: FN Summer Work Experience to be allocated to Employment and Training (E&T)
- \$25,205 for the Youth Employment Strategy FN Skill Link Program to be allocated to E&T

caused by installation of a gas service line. Repair costs totaled \$7363.88.

Deleting Passing of Account Provision

After consultation with legal council, MNCFN Council authorized the signing of a BCR to amend the MNCFN Toronto Purchase Trust Agreement to delete section 12.12 of the agreement which states: *"The Trustee shall prepare for and cause a passing of accounts every four years and upon termination of the Trustees. For greater clarity, a new four-year period begins for this purpose whenever there is a passing of accounts as a result of the replacement of the corporate trustee."*

Summary of Special Education Report

Kent Elson, Legal Counsel from Klippensteins Barristers & Solicitors, provided an update to Chief and Council on "Ontario First Nations Special Education Review Report." This report is available at www.mncfn.ca.

Infrastructure and Development, June 5

Managing Wastewater in First Nation Communities

Regular Council agreed to enter into an agreement with Trent University and McGill University and also in collaboration with Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation, Environment Canada and private sector partner Aclarus Ozone Water Systems on the basis that MNCFN meets the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations to test new technology or modify existing technology for the treatment of wastewater. No financial commitment is required of MNCFN although staff cooperation is required for data collection, set-up, and removal. MNCFN will be reimbursed for any electricity costs associated with the project. All project results will be made available to MNCFN and the community in a written report upon completion.

Master Drainage and Flood Remediation Plan Team Members

Chief and Council approved the recommendation that proposed representatives of the project team for the master drainage and flood remediation plan. Members will include staff from Public Works, Sustainable Economic Development, Lands, Research and Membership, Wilf Rulund, P. Geo, and an appointed Elder. A budget of \$5,950 was approved from the Enterprise fund to cover the cost of non-staff team members.

MNCFN Archaeological Standards and Guidelines

Regular council approved the engagement of Dr. Andrew Hinshelwood to develop MNCFN Archaeological Standards and Guidelines for all archaeological excavations within the MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory to a maximum expenditure of \$110,000 and further, that all attempts will be to have these costs reimbursed by Ontario and/or Canada.

Legion Magazine Advertisement

An advertisement design was approved by Regular council for the Canadian Legion Magazine.

Writing Team Budget

Councillor Erma Ferrell proposed the establishment

of a writing team to develop an MNCFN book to be funded through the MNCFN Community Trust. Council directed Councillor Ferrell to follow up with the New Credit Cultural Historical Society and Library for more information before bringing the item back to Council.

Flag Request

Marie Trainor, former mayor of Haldimand, requested an MNCFN flag for the Grand River Leadership Prayer Breakfast. Council approved the gift of a flag which will be presented by Chief Laforme.

Support for a Partnership and Active Participation with EcoSource

Regular Council supported a request from the New Credit Cultural Committee and Life of the Grove Project to partner with EcoSource. EcoSource is a program to provide place-based learning opportunities to increase the interest, skill and capacity of youth as environmental stewards, while centering Indigenous perspectives. EcoSource would like to establish a community garden with native, medicinal and edible plants on MNCFN and in Mississauga. The motion was supported to help foster good relations with our fellow Indigenous parties, and allow our youth to become the environmental stewards and future leaders of our community.

The Journey Together

Council approved the submission of a capacity funding application to conduct a community needs assessment for Child and Family programs. The application will be submitted by the Ekwaamjigenaang Children's Centre Supervisor and Education Director for up to \$50,000. Funding would flow through the Ministry of Education's program: *The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples* with the purpose of reviewing on and off-reserve existing child and family programs. The Lands, Research and Membership department was also directed to provide membership profile information (i.e. age, geographic location, gender, family type, etc.).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Custodian

The Custodian cares for the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations buildings and equipment to ensure the health, safety and security of the public and staff by performing custodial duties, minor maintenance and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that the Mississaugas of the New Credit buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner.

Closing Date: July 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Environmental and Regulatory Advisor

Under the direction of the Director of Consultation and Accommodation, monitor, remain updated and advise on regulatory agency project specific conditions and Information Requests for projects within the MNCFN Treaty Territory and review, summarize and make recommendations on Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements as they pertain to the interests and treaty rights of the MNCFN.

Closing Date: July 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Mental Health Worker - Contract

Under the direction of the Supervisor of Family/Community Support, or Designate the Mental Health Worker is responsible for providing support to the community by providing Community Workshops for the community for education and awareness of mental health issues, identifying and supporting individuals who are in a high risk situation or expressing early signs and symptoms and assisting with the general unit administration.

Closing Date: July 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Community Sport and Recreation Coordinator

The Community Sport and Recreation Coordinator assists with developing plans and facilitating community member participation in promoting healthy lifestyles and provides support to current programs and services operating under the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

Closing Date: July 6, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

RFP: MNCFN Member for Communications Advisory Committee

A review is being completed on the Media & Communications Department with a view of improving the overall efficiency of the department. It is anticipated that the "Communications Advisory Committee" shall oversee this process and shall have approximately 4 meetings (July – Sept/17) with the consultant who has been awarded the project.

Closing Date: July 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

A copy of detailed job descriptions may be obtained at the MNCFN Agimaw Gamig Administration Building or via email at Kerri.King@mncfn.ca. You may also visit www.mncfn.ca/job-board.



Community Kitchen

Wednesday July 19th, 2017,

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Social & Health Services (Lower Level)

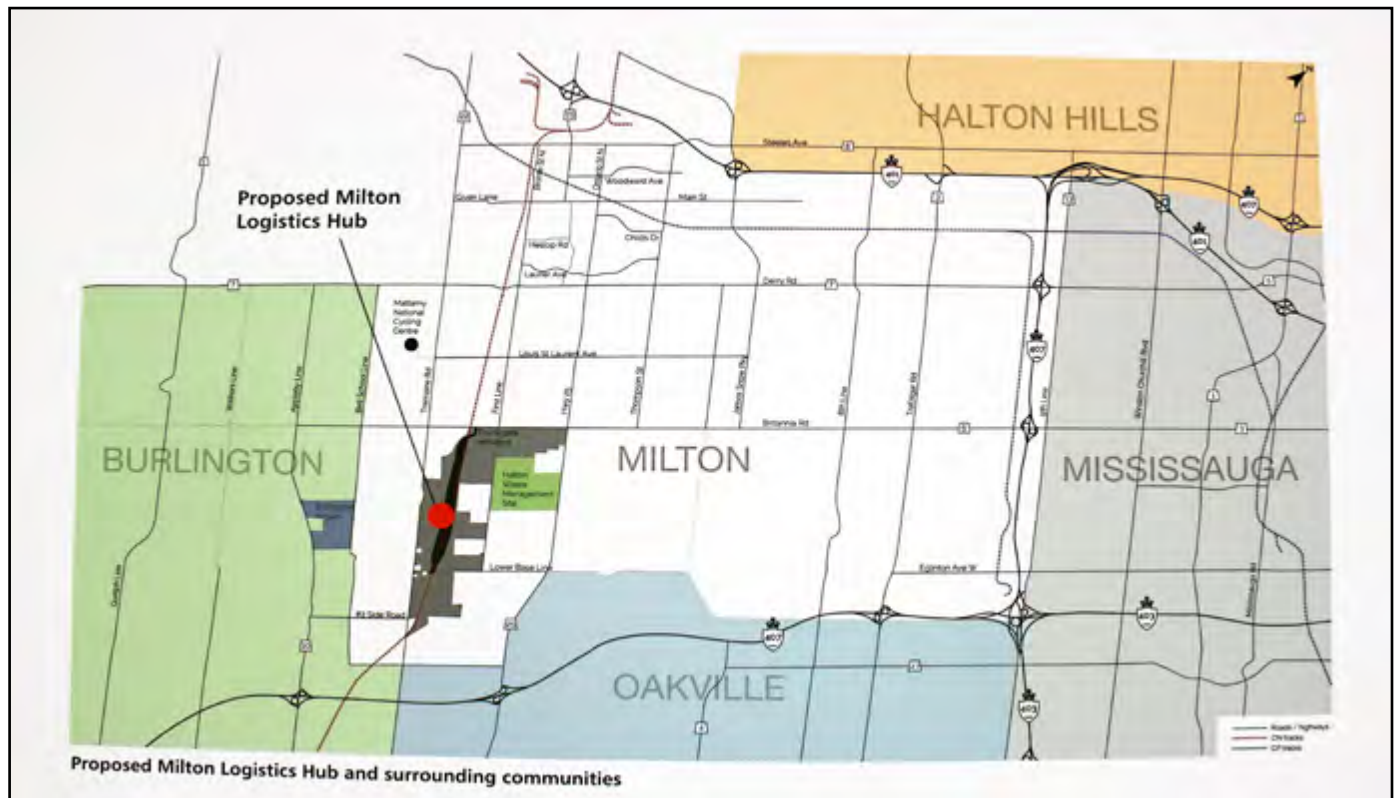
Community Kitchen is a great program for anyone who would like to eat healthier or who would like to learn how to cook.

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

Milton Logistics Hub CN Rail Open House



The MNCFN Department of Consultation and Accommodation held an open house for community members to learn about the CN Rail “Milton Logistics Hub” on May 26.

Since the proposed Milton Logistics Hub sits within MNCFN Territory, DOCA has been meeting with project proponents, who provided community members information on environmental and archaeological issues and concerns during the open house.

The project’s major components include the construction of an administration building, a maintenance garage, areas for short-term storage, realignment and twinning of the existing mainline, a 1.7-kilometre truck entrance, and amendments to surrounding roads to accommodate and facilitate the movement of traffic.

The project will involve naturalization and restoration of fish habitats, wetlands and riparian vegetation,

as well as planting of various indigenous plants.

The project is needed to serve a growing demand for infrastructure to transport goods in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

It also aims to alleviate congestion from long-haul trucks on Ontario’s 400-series of highways.

The project is currently undergoing an environmental assessment to mitigate impacts to migratory birds, fish and other wildlife.

An archaeological assessment was undertaken with the involvement of various indigenous groups. The assessment identified archaeological resources within the project area.

To view the environmental and archaeological assessments, visit www.ceaa.gc.ca.

LSK Bike Rodeo

Teaches Kids All About Bike Safety!



Mariah Sawyer, left, and Stanford Wythe, right, learn about hand signals.



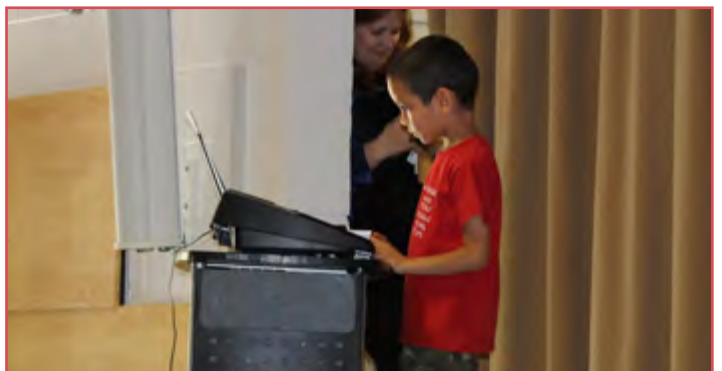
An OPP officer helps Hayden Bomberry understand stop signs for bike safety.



LSK Concert And Annual Open House



Summer and Georgia LaForme performed a song and dance number.



Manny Jacko, 6, tickled the ivories at the concert.



Post-Secondary Education Reminder

MNCFN Education Department Reminder:

If you attended winter and/or spring classes and have not submitted your grades/transcript, please do so im-

mediately. You can email, fax, send via regular mail or stop by the education office. Summer grades must be submitted when they become available.

Toronto School and LSK Students

Share Culture at Peer Exchange Day

Nancy Rowe was invited to do a presentation to a group of people in Toronto (teachers and others involved in equity) and she invited LSK Principal Mrs. MacDonnell to attend with her.

Mrs. MacDonnell and Nancy Rowe went to St. Andrew Catholic School where Rowe spoke to issues of social justice and equity/inequity pertaining to First Nations people.

St. Andrew intermediate students were doing an extended inquiry/study on the experience of First Nations people from a social justice perspective, with a focus on MNCFN as their school is located in MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

Two of the intermediate level teachers presented information on the inquiry unit: the focus, what had been done so far (February 2017), and the plans for the rest of the unit.

“The depth of the study was very impressive and it was evident that both staff and students were very engaged and committed to the learning,” said Mrs. MacDonnell. “As part of a culminating activity, the students were committing to participation in, and support of, the ‘Moccasin Project.’”

The school had acquired sponsorship to participate in the Moccasin Project and the sponsor also committed an equal amount so that LSK students could also participate. LSK already had two classes scheduled to participate in the Moccasin Project with Nancy Rowe at the teaching lodge. It was decided that the money could be used for a richer learning experience for both St. Andrew and LSK students.

St. Andrew students and staff were invited to MNCFN where LSK students could act as mentors and helpers, as they would have already participated in the Moccasin Project.



Hundreds of students from Toronto mingled with kids from LSK during the cultural exchange.

LSK students had opportunities for leadership roles as they worked with Nancy Rowe to support St. Andrew students and staff.

There were about 150 guest students that were broken into four groups. In the morning, groups 1 and 2 worked on making moccasins while groups 3 and 4 got to experience outdoor activities.

Mr. Karl King supervised several grade 8 students as they led lacrosse activities for the guests. Elder Mark Sault led a nature walk and shared traditional teachings on plants. After lunch, groups 1 and 2 switched with groups 3 and 4. All guests got to participate and learn in each of the three activities.

It was a busy day! There were about 150 guest students and about eight guest teachers.

LSK had about 45 students and five educators involved in planning the day and implementing the activities.

“It was a positive experience for St. Andrew and LSK which supported an important initiative: The Moccasin Project,” said Mrs. MacDonnell.

Service Canada

Open House at Community Centre



Navigating the world of taxes, pensions, and employment can be a daunting experience.

MNCFN Employment and Training held an informative session hosted by Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) representatives on June 13 at the MNCFN Community Centre to help people become a little bit more informed of their options and entitlements.

For instance, did you know you could be eligible for the Working Income Tax Credit if your net pay is below a certain yearly threshold?

You are also entitled to certain pension amounts when you retire that will vary based on how much you contribute to the Canada Pension Plan during your working years and

there are ways to prepare for, and increase, your pension amount when you retire if you prepare now.

There's also the disability tax credit, which brings down your taxable income if either you or a dependent has a disability. If you've spent years not getting the credit on past tax

returns, once you apply, and if you qualify, you could get a retroactive sum of money to make up for the lost years that you weren't claiming the credit.

Community members were also provided the opportunity to apply for Social Insurance Numbers and ask the experts any questions they had about employment, the Child Tax Benefit (which increased last year for most families as part of new legislation), and how CPP works for on-reserve employees.

The CRA also has a new feature where you can register for a secure online account to keep track of your taxes, pensions and benefits.

If you missed the session and are seeking more information, you may contact Michele King at Employment and Training at 905-768-1181 or Service Canada at 1-800-O-Canada.

Wellness Group

Wednesday July 12th, 2017

1:30PM – 3:00PM, 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

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!

Join us as we will be talking about breathing techniques!

Childcare can be arranged for the evening session with 24 hour notice.

Please contact Leslie at 905-768-0141 for more information.



Kids Learn About Culture

At Fourth Annual ECC Powwow

It was a beautiful day full of culture, laughter and dancing at the fourth annual Ekwaamjigenaang Children's Centre Powwow.

Over 450 children, adults and elders laughed, smiled and danced to the beat of the drum during the powwow held at the MNCFN Community Centre on June 20.

MNCFN welcomed hundreds of little visitors from child care centres in surrounding communities to witness Indigenous culture and learn about their friends and neighbours.

ECC Supervisor Patti Barber says, "It just gets better and better."

Inspired by the Six Nations Pen Pal program that sees youth from around Ontario correspond and interact with Six Nations elementary school-aged youth, the ECC powwow aims to bring cultures together at the pre-school level.

ECC youngsters showed great leadership in helping their guests out into the dance arena and leading them through the various dances, including an



Bella Bomberry, 4, was all smiles in her traditional dress and moccasins, dancing with her friends at the powwow.

honour song, intertribal, rounddance, boys' fancy, girls' fancy, and crowhop, among others.

Nikki Shawana and Dan Secord were the head female and male dancers, while Waskwaabiish Jonathan, 9, and Miikaanhs Jonathan, 7, dressed in full regalia to showcase the boys' fancy for the young visitors.

Shawana even did a hoop dance that brought "ooohs" and "ahhhs" from the youngsters with her intricate hoop designs.

Elder Garry Sault led the grand entry and did a traditional opening, while music was provided by drumming groups Big Train and Yellowbird.

The children at ECC were proud to show off their culture to the other children, said Barber.

"That is so rewarding to see," she said.

Summer DAY CAMP REGISTRATION!

Social and Health Services (Teen Room)
Registration Dates for the following Sessions:

July 11 & 12: **SESSION 2 (July 24 – Aug 4)**

Aug 1 & 2: **SESSION 3 (Aug 14 – 25)**

Register in person between 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.
Please bring status card, health card and \$20 per child/per session.
For children ages 6 – 12, New Credit Members will have first priority.
For more information please contact Community Support at 905-768-1181.

Moisture and Water Control In Your Home



There are many methods to control and prevent moisture and water damage in your home.

MNCFN Housing has been providing advice on how to prevent moisture and water damage in the home for the past two issues of the Eaglepress Newsletter.

Fans can play an important role in controlling water and moisture damage in the home.

This method of controlling water/moisture in your home is the least understood.

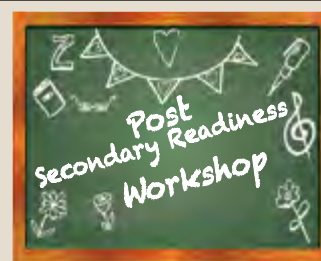
Some of you may be aware that fans spread air evenly, to balance the warm and cool spots and make the house feel cooler.

Other fans, such as furnace fans and exhaust fans, play an important role in moisture reduction. These fans are intended to move old, stale and moist air out.

The bathroom exhaust fan is a perfect example of this - it moves out air full of moisture, and is especially useful in removing stale air when taking long, hot showers.

When these fans are working together, they can form an additional support in moisture reduction and mold prevention, along with sealing and caulking the structure and draining rainwater and surface water (with grading) away from the home.

These three methods keep your home protected from moisture.



Post Secondary Readiness Workshop

July 11, 2017

6:00-8:00 PM

MNCFN Community Centre

Join us for mini-presentations and information on:

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

Dinner will be provided! Door prizes to be won!

Contact the Education Department for more information at 905-768-7107

Community Picnic
Saturday, July 8, 2017
12:00 – 3:00 pm
New Credit Ball Diamond



**Social and Health Services invites everyone to come out to
the annual Community Picnic!**

**Please bring your favourite potluck dish to share with family and friends!
For more information please contact Erin Clarke at 905-768- 1181.
If you know you will be attending please let Erin know for catering purposes.**

**Live Entertainment! Face Painting! Games & Prizes!
Candy Scramble! Photo Booth!**

Moccasin Identifier Featured at New Ontario Place Park



Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Carolyn King, Premier Kathleen Wynne, and dignitaries in front of the Moccasin Identifier at Ontario Place.

(continued from front) It was a wonderful moment for Carolyn who said, “It’s overwhelming, that it’s actually happened and that we get to really feel like we’re launching the Moccasin Identifier and we’re going to change our world.”

MNCFN has recently contracted Carolyn to serve as an MNCFN Ambassador as part of the Reconciliation Outreach program currently in development by the Media and Communications department. The Moccasin Identifier will be a key part of this program.

Premier Wynne called the Moccasin a “visual reminder to honour and recognize the contributions and history of the Indigenous people on these lands. And the trail and moccasin takes us down this trail and the marker tree points us in the direction that we’re walking.”

Trillium Park is a place of great natural beauty on the shores of Lake Ontario. What was formerly a parking

lot, is once again home to Indigenous plants and wildlife.

It was moving to see a mallard duck nesting across the path from a rock with the words “Walk Gently on the Land” – a reference to the fact that the Anishinaabe lived lightly on the land.

MNCFN has been a formal partner on the project since 2014, working alongside Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport staff and principal designer Walter Kehm. Visit mncfn.ca or http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/ontarioplace/park_trails.shtml for more information.

Local Youth Celebrated At MNCFN NAIG Day!



*Left to right:
Mackenzie
General, Caleb
“Deuce” Mar-
tin, and Ryann
Laforme are all
representing
Team Ontario
at NAIG 2017.*

The North American Indigenous Games are almost here!

With the Games set to take place from July 16 to July 23, 2017, a special event was held at Lloyd S. King Elementary School on May 31.

“NAIG Day” was a fun-filled event leading up to the Games, held on the grounds beside LSK and at the MNCFN community centre. The festivities provided organizers an opportunity to introduce the MNCFN youth who will be competing in the Games.

There was a heavy media presence at the event, with the focus on three MNCFN youth who will be participating in the Games:

- Caleb “Deuce” Martin, 14, who will be competing in golf
- Ryann LaForme - softball
- Mackenzie General - softball

This year marks the first time the Games are being hosted in the province of Ontario.

Traditional knowledge holder Valarie King provided a traditional opening, along with the Manitou Mkwa Singers.

There was a beautiful games area set up beside LSK school with miniature versions of sports that will be played by the youth at the NAIG games.

There was a mini golf putting green, a basketball court, a little lacrosse area, and even an archery range where visitors to the event had fun trying to hit a target, with the help of an archery expert.

About 5,250 athletes 13 to 18 years old from 10 Canadian provinces and three territories, and nine American states, will compete in a variety of sports during the Games.

MNCFN Youth Celebrated At LSK NAIG Day!



Mackenzie General and Ryann LaForme pose with an official NAIG jersey.



Hydro One was in attendance at NAIG Day, where it was revealed that they will be sponsoring the opening ceremonies at York University.

Guests also had a chance to meet and interact with the NAIG Mascot - Debwe the Turtle.

“It was a great event,” said MNCFN Councillor Evan Sault, who also chairs the Major Events Committee coordinating MNCFN involvement in the Games. “It came together fast. I’m really glad and proud that our three MNCFN athletes were able to attend and participate. They were showcased and recognized, which they deserved.”

MNCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided a few words of encouragement to the young athletes.

“We’re very proud of what they’ve accomplished,” he

said, adding that the young athletes are being looked up to by other youth on MNCFN and setting a good example.

The Games will take place at various venues across Toronto, Hamilton, Six Nations and Welland.

Six Nations will host all the lacrosse games.

On July 20, MNCFN is holding a cultural celebration at the powwow grounds behind the Agimaw Gamig administration building to welcome the North American Indigenous Games to the Territory.

The special event, “*The Warrior In Us: A Celebration of Sport*”, will take place at 2789 First Line Road on the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation near Hagersville.

Outreach Activities

May 20 to June 16, 2017



Chief R.
Stacey
Laforme at
the Oakville
Community
Foundation
Grand
Opening.

Oakville Community Foundation - Grand Opening/Art Unveiling

Date: May 25

Location: Oakville

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided welcoming remarks.

Canada C3 Launch

Date: June 1

Location: Toronto

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided welcoming remarks.

James Hillier Public School

Date: June 5

Location: Brantford

The Manitou Mikwa Singers performed a traditional song.

Canadian Publishers Association AGM

Date: June 5

Location: Toronto

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided welcoming remarks.

Canadian Psychological Association Workshop on Cultural Competency

Date: June 7

Location: Toronto

Elder Garry Sault provided a traditional opening.

Canadian Psychological Association National Convention

Date: June 8

Location: Toronto

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided welcoming remarks.

Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership AGM

Date: June 8

Location: Toronto

Councillor Margaret Sault provided opening remarks.

Peacock Point Powwow

Date: June 10

Location: Peacock Point

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided welcoming remarks.

Outreach Activities

May 20 to June 16, 2017



Chief R. Stacey Laforme at the Canada C3 launch.



Councillor Evan Sault presenting to CNE staff.

Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada AGM

Date: June 10

Location: Niagara Falls

Elder Garry Sault providing a traditional opening address.

Emery Park Business Improvement Area - First Indigenous Park in Toronto

Date: June 13

Location: Toronto

Carolyn King, former MNCFN chief, provided welcoming remarks.

CNE (Canadian National Exhibition) Presentation

Date: June 14

Location: Toronto

Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Councillor Evan Sault presented to all CNE staff on MNCFN and opportunities for involvement in Indigenous and cultural programming.

Bronte Veterans' Garden - Canada's 150th

Date: June 16

Location: Oakville

Elder Garry Sault provided a traditional opening.

Fallingbrook Middle School - Aboriginal Awareness Assembly

Date: June 16

Location: Mississauga

Councillor Cathie Jamieson provided welcoming remarks.

Together We Are Better and Long Service Recognition (Peel Region)

Date: June 16

Location: Mississauga

Elder Peter Schuler provided a traditional opening.

Grand Opening - Ellen House, The Elizabeth Fry Society

Date: June 16

Location: Brampton

Chief R. Stacey Laforme provided opening remarks.

Updates from MNCFN

Public Works for June 2017

Solid Waste/Recycling

- Director Arland LaForme encourages people to continue calling the Public Works Department to place “complaints” to ensure they are kept informed of all issues so they can be dealt with immediately with Emterra.
- Public Works has replacement blue boxes for sale at a cost of \$10 each, or large, double-wheeled (95 gallon) carts at a cost of \$70 each if extras are required for residents.

Roads

- MNCFN Chief and Council have passed a Cost Share Agreement with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation to address the Master Drainage and Floor Remediation Plan for Boston Creek and Rogers Creek. An Elder (Chi Mkwá – George King) has been selected to sit on this committee. There are three meetings planned for June 8, 2017 (to be rescheduled), November 9, 2017 and February 1, 2018.
- Reminders about roads: Public Works staff is in the process of grass cutting along roadsides, bridges, hydrants and signs. Be aware of slow moving machinery during this time to ensure everyone’s safety while maintenance is being conducted. If any staff observes any issues on your daily commute into work within the road allowance, Public Works asks that you complete a Work Order Request/Concern so the issue can be addressed immediately.

Equipment

Public Works has been accommodating the temporary storage of the newly purchased Social and Health Services accessibility van in the Public Works garage until storage can be arranged by their department.

Water/wastewater

- Public Works staff is conducting grass maintenance at the lagoon and sand filtering locations in preparation for discharging to occur this fall.

- Just a reminder for all residents not to be flushing diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, cooking grease or any other garbage down the drains. The flushing of these products causes an increase in maintenance costs to the First Nation.

Buildings

- The Public Works Department and the MNCFN Human Resources Department are diligently working on finding candidates to fill the final custodian position for the Agimaw Gamig Administration Building.
- Kuiper Property Renovations – DOCA and LRM Office Relocation: The Public Works Department and OFNTSC have issued the Terms of Reference to five consulting firms that are capable of assisting MNCFN with this project. Due to current workloads, two firms declined, and two did not respond. That left one firm. A mandatory site meeting occurred on June 6, 2017 which began at DOCA and finished off at the Kuiper Property.
- NAIG - Volunteer Village - Former Green Willow Property: The Public Works Department has been diligently working to prepare the property for the Volunteer Village. Some of those duties include: arranging transformer installation and hydro services, security lighting, garbage/recycling needs, grass cutting, tree trimming and removal and parking lot preparation.

Raccoon rabies

To date, MNCFN has had a number of raccoons within the First Nation suspected of carrying rabies. If you notice a raccoon out during the day, do not approach the animal and keep your distance. Chief and Council have instructed everyone to call the police to come and dispose of the animal. The non emergency number is 1-888-310-1122. MNCFN Social and Health Services - Community Health will retrieve the animal and send it off for testing.

Participants Hit the Mark

At Annual Archery Tournament



Medal winners: Alexis Sault, Kiera Sawyer, Jed Secord, Joleen Secord, Gabriel Walker, Jack Jacobs, Shay-Lynn Sawyer, and Kerri King.

This is the fourth year hosting the tournament in the community. It is held right outside the Social and Health Services parking lot in the yard.

Players aimed at a variety of 3D animal targets. Social and Health Services supplied the bows and arrows for all age categories. Participants did not need to supply their own equipment.

There were five practices leading up to the tournament. (Two were cancelled due to weather). The tournament brought out 17 people from the community, most of whom had participated in previous years, and a few new faces came out, as well. S&HS hopes to see most return next year, and they always welcome first timers, as it's all in good fun and learning.

Winners of this year's tournament were:

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| 7-8 boys/girls: | 1st-Shay-Lynn Sawyer |
| 9-12 boys/girls: | 1st-Alexis Sault
2nd-Jack Jacobs
3rd-Kiera Sawyer |
| 13-17 boys/girls: | 1st-Gabriel Walker
2nd-Kerri King |
| 18 and up: | 1st-Joleen Secord
2nd-Jed Secord |



Pampered Pooches Get Check Ups At 2017 Pet Wellness Days

There were big dogs, little dogs, happy dogs and scared dogs at the 2017 Pet Wellness Days held by MNCFN Social and Health Services Community Health.

Over the month of May, dozens of MNCFN members brought their precious fur babies to the MNCFN community centre for check-ups and shots during the annual event aimed at helping to ensure as many

domestic pets as possible are vaccinated against rabies, as well as ensuring their overall health.

Professional veterinarians were on hand to provide the services, as well as information on common and harmful pet diseases, such as heartworm.

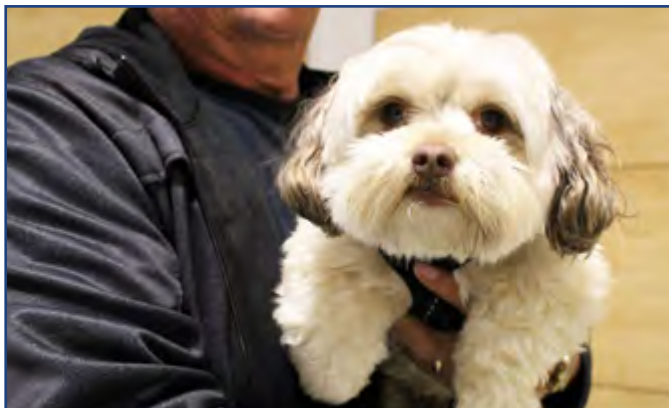
The annual Pet Wellness Days and check-ups are free every year for MNCFN members.



Bella, 4, waits timidly while she gets her shots.



Rocky the Schnauzer was cool, calm and collected during his check-up.



Pooty the adorable Shih-tzu was terrified and clinging to her owner at the pet wellness clinic.



Duff, a 6-year-old Jack Russell, was playing hide and seek.

Home and Community Care Programming July 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 FOOTCARE	4 FOOTCARE LAUNDRY CLIENT CARE WOMEN'S ALL DAY SHOP	5 FOOTCARE LIST SHOP	6 MEN'S ALL DAY SHOP	7 FOOTCARE EUCHRE CLIENT CARE	8
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Craft Draw Winners!

The Home and Community Care program facilitates a craft day each month.

The crafters with Home and Community Care worked for almost a year to make a quilt. They sold tickets for this quilt, plus two plant holders.

The winners of the draw were: first prize, Edward Owl; second prize, Marlene Hess; and third, Angela Murphy.

Home and Community Care would like to thank everyone that supported the fundraiser.

Lunch & Learn
 Tuesday July 25th, 2017 12:00 - 1:00 PM
 Social & Health Services (Lower Level)
 Come enjoy lunch with us at Our Sustenance Greenhouse
 4th Line behind Big 6.
 Light lunch provided!
 Bring your feast bag if you have one!
 Contact Leslie to register as limited space
 is available - (905)768-0141

Get Fit and Have Fun At Free MNCFN Gym



The MNCFN gym is full of equipment to help you get a good workout.

Have you been wanting to get in shape for a while but can't seem to find the time?

Can't afford a gym membership? Well, MNCFN has a free gym waiting for you to use right here in your own community.

Managed by MNCFN Social and Health Services, the gym is located in the recreation building, behind the Agimaw Gamig Administration building.

The gym is packed with a variety of state-of-the-art gym equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, exercise bikes, bench presses, free weights, and a squat rack.

Anyone 16 and over is eligible to use the gym just by filling out a registration form. Youth aged 14 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

Zack Rose is the Gym/Weight Room Monitor. You can find him in there during business hours helping

people and answering their questions about health and fitness.

Trained in security, Rose is knowledgeable about health and fitness and can provide advice on the best workout plans according to your goals.

"People love it," says Rose. "I have a bunch of regulars. I love working out and I love helping people. Seeing other people's progress makes me really happy."

Rose is also certified in CPR and the registration form requires certain information of users to help keep guests safe in the event of an emergency.

Around 10-18 people use the gym daily, Monday to Thursday.

The gym is open Monday to Thursday from 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is closed from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The gym is open Friday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is closed on Sundays.

Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act Becomes Law in Canada

News Release From Health Canada

New law would provide immunity from simple possession charges for those who call 911 in the case of an overdose

Opioid overdoses are claiming the lives of thousands of Canadians of all ages, and from all walks of life. The impact of the opioid crisis continues to be devastating to individuals, families and communities. Many of these deaths are preventable if medical attention is received quickly, but evidence shows that witnesses to an overdose often do not call 911 for fear of police involvement. This is why the Government of Canada has taken action to encourage and protect people who are witnessing an overdose so they can seek help, and ultimately, save lives.

The Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice, announced today that the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act received Royal Assent and became law. The Act provides an exemption from charges of simple possession of a controlled substance as well as from charges concerning a pre-trial release, probation order, conditional sentence or parole violations related to simple possession for people who call 911 for themselves or another person suffering an overdose, as well as anyone who is at the scene when emergency help arrives.

The Act was originally introduced as a Private Member's Bill by MP Ron McKinnon, the original Bill sponsor and Member of Parliament for Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam.

Drug addiction is an illness that requires care and compassion like any other health condition. The Government of Canada recognizes the dedication of first responders as key players on the front line in addressing the opioid crisis. Over the past year, the federal government has been building a new approach to drug policy by working collaboratively with communities, provinces, territories and key stakeholders, including addiction experts, the medical community, first responders, Indigenous groups, non-governmental organizations, as well as Canadians with lived experience.

The Government of Canada is committed to implementing a comprehensive, collaborative, compassionate and evidence-based response to Canada's opioid crisis. For more information on what the Government of Canada is doing to combat the opioid crisis, please visit Canada.ca/opioids.

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Ganawenjigjik Niibi Bemaadiziwin (Water Committee) “Water is Life” Celebrations

Valarie King, traditional knowledge keeper for the Ganawenjigjik Niibi Bemaadiziwin (Water Committee), worked hard to bring awareness to MNCFN water rights throughout the month of June.

From a full day of activities at LSK Elementary School, to the welcoming of Mother Earth water walkers led by Josephine Mandamin to the community on June 18th, she got the message out there: Water is Life.

There were feasts and a sacred fire, as well as an invitation to community members to join the water walkers on their journey throughout the week of June 18th. King and Mandamin talked to the community about the MNCFN water claim and “our part as stewards of the water.”

King is a traditional knowledge keeper who has a lot to share about water teachings.

“I have been doing grandmother moon water teachings for over 25 years within this community and other communities,” she said. “Water is life, and our committee is *nbii gwenaajewenjik*, meaning, ‘stewards over the water.’ As indigenous people, it has always been our responsibility from the beginning of time as stewards over the water and land...to protect *shkaamaa kwe* (Mother Earth) from any harm.”

“Without water there is no life and it is the most valuable resource,” King continues. “The women, especially, are responsible for the waterways, spiritually. The water claim has been put forth to the government recently, and is a claim that the MNCFN is stating that we have never given up our rights as stewards of the water and land.”

Water is a part of us from before we are born, she says.

“We were all within water before we were born and that is what sustained us as well as the umbilical



Valarie King worked diligently to bring awareness to MNCFN water rights through various events in June.

cord to your mother,” says King. “The water within our mothers helped us be born in a gentle way. Indigenous people see water as a resource and not a commodity. Each month, women gather around a sacred fire and honour grandmother moon for she works with the waterways energetically within Mother Earth and all of creation, including humans.”

The Ganawenjigjik Niibi Bemaadiziwin (Water Committee) seeks to promote the wise use of water, in a manner reflective of the values of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation that limits risks posed to the waters within the MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

The committee aims to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the Territory by improving the environmental, social, cultural, and economic well-being of the people and the region.

MNCFN Cultural Committee

Working Hard for the Community

It's no secret that volunteers play a big role in the community.

And the MNCFN Cultural Committee - which brings numerous events and benefits to the community - is now recruiting more volunteers.

Committee member and MNCFN Councillor Stephi LaForme was appointed to the committee as an official council representative last fall and she thoroughly enjoys sitting on the committee.

"Every day is a memorable experience," she says.

The committee organizes a number of cultural and community events throughout the year, including the annual Three Fires Homecoming Powwow.

Members also include Faith Rivers (chair), Carolyn King, Carol Tobicoe, Barb Atten, Caitlin LaForme, Tommy Hill and Darien King, as well as numerous volunteers that occasionally help out the committee.

"We have a great time," says Councillor LaForme. "We provide awareness of the history of the community."

She said that's an important part of the committee - providing awareness about the culture and history.

"I don't think many people would have awareness of who we are (as Mississauga people), not just us, but outside the community, as well," she says. "Many of our own members don't know the culture."

LaForme says she loves giving back to the community.

"I volunteer all over the place - anyone that needs a hand, I'm there."

Some of the projects the committee works on every year include the powwow, the historical gathering, and "Heritage Mississauga: Doors Open."



Committee members at the Heritage Mississauga Awards 2016.

The committee is currently looking for new recruits, especially youth.

LaForme says it's time to pass the torch on to younger generations.

If you're interested in being a part of the committee, please call them at 905-768-3067.

Blended Family Workshop

Saturday, July 22, 2017

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Social and Health Services (Lower Level)

Blending families can be a struggle.

Come join us as we share strategies on:

- How to build a healthy relationship
- Set boundaries
- Have effective communication
- How to be a strong family unit

All are welcome to attend!

Lunch will be provided and door prizes to be won.

Please register with Beth King at 905-768-1181 or Beth.King@mncfn.ca.



31st Annual Three Fires Homecoming Powwow Commemorates Move to New Credit

It's been 170 years since the Mississaugas of the Credit moved to their present-day location near Hagersville, Ont.

It's also the theme of this year's 31st annual Three Fires Homecoming Powwow.

"We pick different [themes] all the time," said Carolyn King, who sits on the New Credit Cultural Committee which organizes the annual powwow.

The official name of the theme this year is: "Our Story: The Spirit of the Fire Still Burns."

The powwow, set to take place the weekend of Aug. 25 to Aug. 27, will feature dancing, singing, drumming, art and food vendors, and live entertainment to kick off the weekend.

Faith Rivers chairs the committee and Carolyn King is the co-chair.

Lots of other volunteers help to organize it, as well, outside of the members of the core committee.

The word "Missisakis" means "many river mouths".

By the mid-nineteenth century, the Mississaugas believed they had obtained their name from the mouths of the Trent, Moira, Shannon, Napanee, Kingston, and Gananoque rivers.

The term "New Credit" is in recognition of the fact that the Mississaugas traded goods along the shore of the Credit River prior to the move to their new location in 1847.

For more information or if you'd like to secure booth space, please call the Cultural Coordinator Angela Sault from June to August, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at (905) 768-3067.

Meet Powwow Coordinator Angela Sault

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My name is Angela Sault. I have recently been hired for the position of Heritage and Cultural Coordinator for the summer. I will be assisting with the organization, promotion and delivery of our 31st Annual Three Fires Homecoming Powwow through the direction of the New Credit Cultural Committee. I am very excited to be working with the cultural committee and look forward to making connections within the community so we can have another successful event this summer. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions I can be reached at the Old Council House building by phone (905) 768-3067, and also by email at angelajs1089@hotmail.com.

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EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	PG.
July 3	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 4	Yoga	LSK School Gym	5-6 pm	
July 6	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 8	Community Picnic	New Credit Ball Diamond	12-3 pm	20
July 10	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 11	Yoga	LSK School Gym	5-6 pm	
July 11	Post-Secondary Readiness Workshop	MNCFN Community Centre	6-8 pm	7
July 11-12	Summer Day Camp Registration	S&HS - Teen Room	5-6:30 pm	7
July 12	Wellness Group	S&HS - Lower Level	1:30-3pm; 6-7:30pm	17
July 13	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7pm	
July 17	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 16-23	North American Indigenous Games	Various Locations		
July 18	Yoga	LSK School Gym	5-6 pm	
July 19	Community Kitchen	S&HS - Lower Level	1-3 pm	13
July 20	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 22	MNCFN Monthly Gathering	MNCFN Community Centre	10 am-2 pm	
July 22	Blended Family Workshop	S&HS - Lower Level	10-1 pm	33
July 24	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 25	Lunch and Learn	S&HS - Lower Level	12-1pm	29
July 25	Yoga	LSK School Gym	5-6 pm	
July 27	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
July 31	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	
Aug. 1-2	Summer Camp Registration	S&HS - Teen Room	5-6:30 pm	7
Aug. 25-27	Three Fires Homecoming Powwow	Powwow Grounds		12

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