



EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

Conference at the Council House



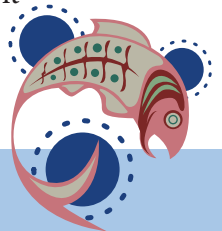
A reproduction of the MNCFN Council House tower in front of the Mississauga Public Library.

Created by the artists Hadley Howes & Maxwell Stephens, Conference at the Council House stands at the entrance to the Mississauga Public Library and Celebration Square. The reproduction of the MNCFN Council House tower and cupola poses the question “What if the Mississau-

gas of the Credit had built their council house in 1882 where Celebration Square is now?” The piece stands as a public reminder people are standing on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas. The community of birds flocked around the piece is a reminder that it is still possible to live peacefully together with understanding that we have obligations of mutual care.

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), niigaabminunkiiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).
Translated by: Nimkew Niinis, N’biising First Nation.

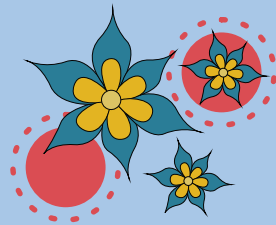


Eaglepress Newsletter

The Eaglepress newsletter is available for download at www.mncfn.ca. We encourage members to view the online version rather than subscribing to print to help us care for Mother Earth and save print and postage costs.

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

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A group of MNCFN staff and councillors received two days of valuable training on project management Nov. 9 and 10th.



Message From
Chief R. Stacey Laforme

Aanii,

I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who will be seeking election this year.


This service to our nation is a 24/7 commitment.

As the future approaches, we are embarking on a new era for the Mississaugas, the Anishinaabe, the indigenous people and it will require much from its leaders and its members.

To the membership, I would recommend that you vote in the election and let your voice be part of the future direction of our nation.

As this is December I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme

A decorative border featuring green pine branches, red and gold ornaments, and white snowflakes. The text is centered within this border.

On behalf of the
Mississaugas of the New Credit
First Nation Chief, Council and Staff
we would like to wish you a
happy, healthy and safe
holiday season!

Let's Learn Anishinaabemowin: **Winter words...**

Winter: biboon

Snow: goon

White: waabishkaa

Cold: gisinaa

Freeze: kashkaadin

Coat/parka: biinszikaawaagan

Toque: wiikwan

Mittens: minjikaawan

Icicles: mikwaan

Boots/snowshoes: makizinan-ahkim

Translated by Tena Sault

Historical Tidbit By Darin Wybenga

It is interesting to note how the people of the Credit River Mission Village made their laws in 1830. Today, laws are made by duly elected officials who make laws at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels. The vast majority of citizens have very little say in the laws handed down to them from above, and who might, during the next election, turn out the government if its legislation is largely unpopular.

The 1830 By-Laws for the Credit River Mission Village had a way of constructing laws that was far more democratic and reflective of the needs of our ancestors:

A General Council of the whole nation in the village (two-thirds at least of resident householders shall be present) shall be held on the first day of January in every year, except when that falls on the Sabbath, then the day proceeding the first of January; for the purpose of regulating the affairs of the nation, and choosing public officers for the ensuing year. These councils shall be conducted according to our old cus-

toms, the chief presiding.

At these general councils any new law or regulation may be made by a vote of the majority; and any old law repealed by a vote of two-thirds.

To this Council, the Chiefs themselves shall be amenable, and for great offences, gross immorality, or notorious incapacity, may by a vote of two-thirds, be deposed, and a new chief or chiefs chosen.

Upon reflection, would the band members of the 21st century Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation be comfortable with our ancestors' methods of the 19th century; would our ancestors be supportive of our modern methods?

Marker Trees, Pointing the Way for Our Ancestors

People often say the Mississaugas “lived lightly on the land”. This means that we left little evidence of our activities on the land compared to other Indigenous Nations. One mark that our Anishinaabe ancestors left, were marker trees. And they’re hidden like historical treasures in parks and forested areas across MNCFN treaty lands and Territory.

What is a ‘marker tree?’

Marker trees are uniquely shaped trees, usually bent in a certain direction, which were historically used by Indigenous people to help ‘point the way’ to important sites.

Our ancestors relied on these trees to help prevent them from getting lost which could be deadly in the winter months. The trees could also point to a source of fresh water, an easy point to cross a creek, a good place to camp, or a trail.

Hardwood and maple trees were the most commonly used marker trees. There are many such trees located throughout MNCFN treaty lands and Territory including four in Oakville and an almost 250 year old sugar maple in Flamborough.

The marker tree in Flamborough points toward Beverly Swamp - but the question people always ask is: “how can a tree grow in any way other than up?”

Indigenous people would bend saplings over using rawhide or grape vine in the intended direction, which would then cause the tree to grow in that particular direction.

One could say that marker trees are the historical equivalent of today’s Google Maps.

There is actually a society for people interested in the history of marker trees called the Great Lakes Trail Marker Tree Society.



Marker tree planted in Trillium Park at Ontario Place.

The society has an official record of all the Indigenous marker trees in eastern North America.

Today, people are growing marker trees as a tribute to the Indigenous stewards of these lands and waters. Marker trees such as the ones planted at Trillium Park at Ontario Place are a reminder to visitors of our close and continuing connection to the lands and waters that we have long called home.

Traditional Family Parenting Program
 Starting Monday, November 6, 2017 - Monday, December 18, 2017
 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Social & Health Services - Teen Room

Please call Pat Jamieson at 905-768-1181
 for more information or simply attend
 on the night of November 6, 2017.

Supper provided & childcare available.
 Please call by noon if childcare is needed.
 Parenting knowledge and information sharing.
 Household & hygiene products available each week.

Chief & Council Move Forward on the MNCFN Strategic Plan

The Politics and Governance section of the Eaglepress will be reformatted in January to include Councillor updates on activities undertaken to advance the objectives of each pillar of the MNCFN Strategic Plan.

A committee led by an MNCFN Councillor will oversee each of the seven pillars outlined in the MNCFN Strategic Plan. A budget of \$20,000 per pillar committee has been approved by Council to fund the operation and activities of the pillar for the remainder of the 2017/18 fiscal year. Each pillar budget will be administered by a designated department. The de-

partments will be assigned these administrative duties before the end of the electoral term.

Each Councillor is currently completing the terms of reference for their respective pillar committee. These terms of reference documents specify the mandate, scope/jurisdiction, responsibilities, meeting schedule, structure, and authority of each committee.

Councillors are also in the process of selecting members and resources for their respective committees. Please see below for information on applying.

Having approved 'Trailblazers' the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Strategic Plan, Council's next step in the process is to establish Committees relating to each of the Seven Pillars. Each of the seven Councillors shall take the lead in one of the Seven Pillars. The Seven Pillars and the respective Councillor taking the lead are as follows:



SEVEN PILLARS						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Inclusive prosperity, economic growth & job creation.	Nation Well-being & wellness.	Environment & sustainability, stewards of our air, land, water & natural resources.	Education & Awareness.	Striving to be an independent & sovereign people.	Infrastructure, community & membership development.	Inclusive leadership & governance.
Councillor, Casey Jonathan CaseyJ@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Evan Sault EvanS@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Cathie Jamieson CathieJ@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Veronica King-Jamieson VeronicaK@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Erma Ferrell ErmaF@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Stephanie LaForme StephiL@mncfn.ca	Councillor, Margaret Sault MSault@mncfn.ca

Band members & non members who are interested in participating as a resource to one of the above Seven Pillar Committees are asked to email their 'Letter of Interest and Resume' to the respective Pillar Councillor.

Or send mail hard copies to:
 MNCFN Administration
 Pillar Committees Office Clerk
 2789 Mississauga Road, RR# 6 Hagersville ON N0A 1H0

NOMINATE

a worthy
volunteer



Lifetime Achievement Award For Outstanding Volunteerism

- COUNTY OF BRANT • CITY OF BRANTFORD
- SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER TERRITORY
- MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION



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



**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017**

Who is eligible?

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



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

Congratulations to Harry S. LaForme and Kevin Rose



MNCFN member, the honourable Justice Harry S. LaForme, was presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Law Society of Upper Canada. (Source: anishinabeknews.ca)



MNCFN member Kevin Rose has been appointed president of the Economic Developers Association of Canada. (Source: manitoulin.ca)



DRIVERS ED TRAINING

Session: February 24th & 25th, March 3rd & 4th, 2018
9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Community Centre Board Room - Capacity of 15

New Credit Employment and Training will be offering Drivers Ed Training to MNCFN members. Training provided by Kim Richardson Transportation Specialists (KRTS) Inc. (You do not need your G1 before the in-class training, only before in-car training. It is preferred that students are 16 or turning 16 by March 31, 2018)



**Lunch will be provided.
Deadline to register:**

February 16th, 2018



To register contact:
Michele King or
Cheyenne Kechego
Employment & Training
905-768-1181 Ext 223
Michele.King@mncfn.ca

Executive Finance, Oct. 23

November Monthly Gathering Agenda

Council approved the agenda to include presentations on the Toronto Purchase Trust and the 2016/17 MNCFN Audit.

Short Hills Deer Harvest

Direction was given to the LRM Director to bring a status update to the Nov. 6 Infrastructure and Development Council regarding controlled hunting throughout MNCFN Territory.

Media and Communications Training Budget

Council approved an interim training budget of \$1000 however second reading was not waived.

Proxy for Special Chiefs Assembly

Chief and Council approved the designation of Councillor Evan Sault as official proxy for the MNCFN at the Special Chiefs Assembly on October 23, 24, and 25th in Ottawa.

Financial Statements for September

Chief and Council accepted the MNCFN financial statements for the month of September 2017 with noted revisions. Directions were also given to the Executive Director to meet with the Finance Director to review training options for finance staff to ensure financial records can be prepared during the director's absence.

Proposal Writer Application

Approval was given to submit an application to the MNCFN Community Trust for an MNCFN Proposal Writer.

Strategic Plan Budget

A budget of \$140,000 (\$20,000 per pillar) was approved to facilitate the pillars of the MNCFN Strategic Plan.

Pillar Committees

The MNCFN Executive Finance Council agreed that each Councillor can select Band Members for their respective committees; and further, a letter of interest with attached resume may be submitted by band members and non-band members indicating which pillar that he/she is interested in participating in as a resource person. Direction was given to the Media and Communications Director to share this information on the website and in the flyers.

Williams Treaty

Councillor Margaret Sault was given direction to provide background information on the Williams Treaty and the proper map on Nov. 6th.

Toronto Purchase Trust

Direction was given to draft an RFP for Council's review regarding securing the services of a Financial Advisor for the Toronto Purchase Trust.

Medicine Wheel – Seating Circle

Councillor Ferrell was directed to contact the Education Director for information regarding the Medicine Wheel Project and then proceed to Records to locate the motion regarding this item.

Finance Director

Direction was given for the Finance Director to bring outstanding Finance motions and directions to a special council meeting on Nov. 21st.

Infrastructure and Development, Nov. 6

Relocation of Community Mailboxes

Approval was given to the Canada Post Corporation to relocate community mailboxes at the location of New Credit Rd. and Veteran's Hwy to address health and safety concerns expressed by mail delivery carriers. It was further noted that Canada Post is responsible for notifying residents and maintaining the mailboxes and

installation sites.

MNCFN Cemetery Policy Revisions

Council accepted the cemetery policy which was updated to include the Columbarium which was erected in the fall of 2016.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Solid Waste and Recycling Contract

Council approved a 2-year solid waste and recycling program contract extension/renewal with Emterra Environmental.

Cancer Care Ontario Relationship Protocol

A protocol agreement between MNCFN and Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) was accepted with noted changes. The agreement outlines the guiding principles of how CCO and MNCFN will work together; ensures the relationship has continuous involvement, feedback, and the establishment of processes that are mutually agreed upon; formalizes the engagement process for the Aboriginal Cancer Strategy III (ACS III); and ensures the implementation of the ACS III.

Chief and Council Policy

The Chief and Council Policy was approved with noted changes. The policy was revised with additions that: require Chief and Council to report on their overall activities every 3 months; confirms that the Council chairperson will decide if additional items will be included in the agenda; approves a budget of \$1000 per calendar year for each member of council to pay for dinner meetings (must include list of at-

tendees and meeting synopsis); allows monies owing to MNCFN to be deducted from honorariums at end of term; requires department requests to purchase items from a chief or councillor to be approved by council; and requires members of Council that are provided with a cellular phone to repay any charges that are not business-related.

Water Framework

Council approved a research proposal to develop an MNCFN Water Framework to Indigenize Water Governance within the MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory. The overall research goal is to contribute to current discussions regarding the Indigenization of water governance systems in Canada in order to achieve social justice for First Nations peoples. The framework would be developed in partnership with the University of Guelph and MNCFN will have ownership of the document.

Block Funding Agreement

Council approved the signing of a BCR of Intent to enter into a block funding agreement with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Education and Social Services, Nov. 13

Toronto Purchase Trust Investment Report

Council accepted the Toronto Purchase Trust Report Annual Community Update – Trustees Report prepared for the Nov. 25th MNCFN Monthly Gathering.

INAC Prevention Funding

Council authorized the acceptance of \$81,900 in prevention based funding from INAC for the 2017/18 fiscal. The funds were allocated to the: School Mental Health Worker salary/benefits; School Mental Health Worker operating expenses; Children's Mental Health Worker Salary/Benefits; Utilities and building expenses; and Backpack program.

Post-Secondary College Students

Council agreed to continue to fund MNCFN Post-Secondary students affected by the province-wide

colleges strike.

LSK 2017/18 School Calendar

The 2017/18 School calendar for Lloyd S. King Elementary School was approved.

Child and Family Centre Funding Proposal

Council approved the submission of a proposal for 100% funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education to expand child and family programs. The programs are intended to meet the needs as identified in the recent community needs assessment conducted on MNCFN.

Conflict of Interest Guidelines

Council approved updated the MNCFN Conflict of Interest Guidelines.

MNCFN Honours Veterans At Remembrance Day Ceremony

Few people are aware of how many Indigenous people served Canada in wartime and peacetime.

That was the message from MNCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme at the annual MNCFN Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov. 5 at the MNCFN Veteran's Memorial on Mississauga Road beside the Powwow Grounds.

MPP Dave Levac, MPP Phil McColeman, Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Elder Carolyn King spoke about the remarkable history of the brave men and women from MNCFN who responded to the call of duty to protect their homeland.

"Words are not enough," said Chief Laforme. "To our veterans we say chi-miigwetch, to our warriors we say chi-miigwetch, and to you, I say thank you," he told the veterans present and the roughly 50 community members, family and friends of veterans who came out to mark Remembrance Day.

Carolyn King, an avid historian of MNCFN, reminded everyone that MNCFN warriors served in many battles fought by Canada, and even in pre-Confederation times.

"Right from the start, we had people there," she said. "In the War of 1812, we were on the front line and our people died on the front line saving Toronto," she said, adding it took a long time to get recognition for MNCFN's participation in that war.

Dawn Clarke sang the U.S. and Canadian National Anthems and there was an acknowledgement of the veterans present at the ceremony: Elder Garry Sault (US Navy), Mark LaForme (US Marine), Bryan LaForme (US Army), Bill Laforme (Canadian Armed Forces) and Shelley Sault (Canadian Armed Forces).

Bob Lenos performed *The Last Post* and Darin Wybenga did the MNCFN Veterans Roll Call.



Veterans
Mark La-
Forme and
Garry Sault
with Chief
Laforme

The Veterans present escorted family members who laid wreaths at the veteran's memorial for their ancestors.

Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson, Stephi LaForme, Cathie Jamieson and Erma Ferrell also attended the ceremony.

"It was an honour to attend the MNCFN Remembrance Day in our community," says Councillor King-Jamieson. "It's more personal to me because my dad, George L. King, Sr., my dad's sister Jane Haygard and my Grandpa Norman A. King gave their service in War World II. When I was younger listening to my dad's war stories, I didn't really understand his frustration and pain he was living."

Councillor King-Jamieson continues, "He would say, 'I fought in the war and seen a lot of young people die.' He said we should be recognized for our contributions of First Nations people who served. Finally, around 1999 the government finally recognized the Indigenous people and paid \$20,000. In the year 2000, again our people had to fight for their equal rights, respect, benefits and opportunities. My dad was a part of this process. He would say, 'We are all warriors, from birth to death; we fight to survive for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters.'"

Employment Opportunities

Casual Supply Teacher

The teacher is responsible for ensuring that each child has an opportunity to reach his/her maximum potential through the creation and implementation of suitable programs and teaching styles to meet individual student needs.

Closing Date: Open Call

Community Wellness Worker – After School Program

The Community Wellness Worker – After School Program is responsible for providing afterschool care for the attendees of the MNCFN afterschool program. The worker is responsible for offering programming geared towards preparing to integrate children into the regular ASP program (including socialization, expression, boundaries, self-awareness, etc.).

Closing Date: Open Call

MRP Consultation and Engagement Officer

The Matrimonial Real Property Consultation & Engagement Officer will assist the Lands, Research and Membership department with the engagement and promotion of the draft Matrimonial Real Property Law.

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Receptionist

Provides central reception to staff, Council, and guests at the Band Office.

Closing Date: Open Call

Milton Presentation Centre Representative

The Milton Presentation Centre Representative is responsible for central reception and providing support to the representatives of the Milton Logistics Hub Project.

Casual Registered Early Childhood Educator – Afterschool Program

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

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Cook

The cook is responsible for the preparation of quality meals that are appropriate for children and seniors by preparing written meal plans according to Canada's Food Guide, implementing the meal plans, ensuring the proper cleaning and maintenance of equipment utilized for food preparation, and completing all the required administration processes with regard to provision of meals.

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Custodian

The Custodian cares for the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation's 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 MNCFN buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner.

Closing Date: Open call

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

DOCA Banquet Honours

Field Liaison Representatives



It was a spooktacular evening of fun, food and good spirits Oct. 28 at the third annual banquet honouring Field Liaison Representatives (FLRs) employed through the Department of Consultation and Accommodation.

The annual banquet, sponsored by CN Rail, recognizes the hard work of FLRs, who monitor environmental, archaeological and construction projects throughout the MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

There were dozens of creative costumes and high spirits at the Halloween-themed banquet this year.

In addition to the usual skeletons, witches, and zombies, some went all out with very unusual costume ideas. Prizes were awarded for “Most Original Costume” and “Scariest Costume.”

Claire and Michelle Sault dressed as 60s musical duo Sonny and Cher and won “Most Original Costume” and Justin Spence, as a scary nun with a grotesquely-shaped prosthetic nose, won Scariest Costume.

Councillor Evan Sault emceed the banquet, which took place at the Best Western Inn and Conference Centre in Brantford.

“The DOCA staff does a great job conducting the day-to-day business while our FLR’s are our boots on the ground getting dirty while working in our Treaty Lands and Territory,” he said.

The FLRs work under the leadership of DOCA Director Mark LaForme.

There was a round of applause for the FLRs and DOCA staff for all the work they do. Each FLR was also presented with an individual plaque recognizing their hard work.

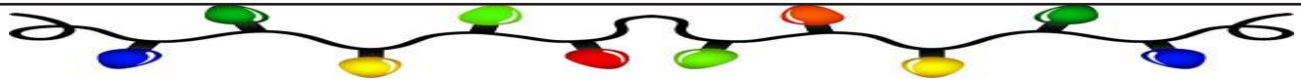
Representatives from Union Gas and Archaeological Research Associates were also present at the banquet. Ken McCorkle, representing Union Gas, recognized the MNCFN territory on behalf of Union Gas.

“It’s a privilege to sponsor and work with each and every one of you, especially your FLRs,” he said. “You have some great people out there. Union Gas is very proud to partner with you.”

Attendees brought donations of school supplies for Lloyd S. King elementary school and there were also beautiful door prizes to be won.

December 2017

Dates to Remember



Education Events/Updates for the Month of December 2017

Lloyd S. King Elementary School

December 2nd-LSK Bazaar-10 am-3 pm

December 4th-Awards Assembly (Wisdom)

-Christmas Concert-December 19th at 6 pm (please bring a non-perishable food product for the local food bank)

December 21st-Drum Social & Feast

December 22nd-PD Day

Christmas Holidays begin December 22nd, 2017. School resumes on Monday January 8th, 2018.

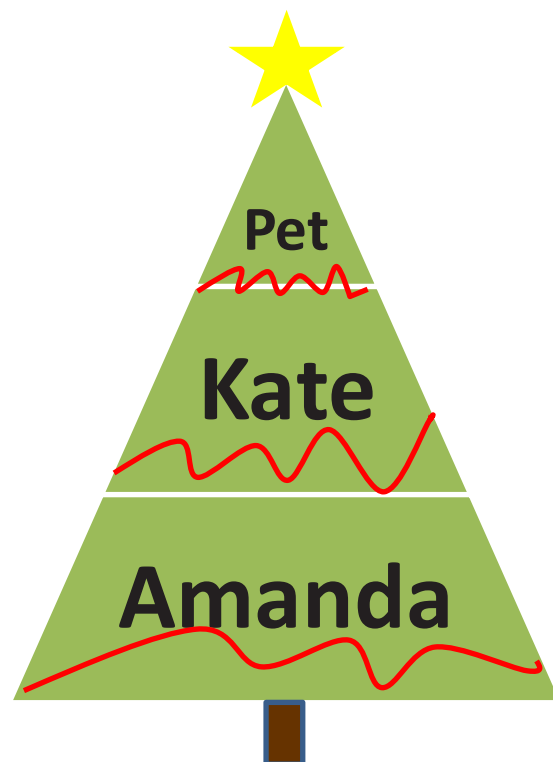
Hagersville Secondary School

Christmas Holidays begin December 22nd, 2017. School resumes January 8th, 2018.

Post-Secondary Education

For those students not affected by the Ontario-wide College strike, Fall 2017 Transcripts and Winter 2018 schedules are due January 13th, 2018. For those students affected by the Ontario-wide College strike we will send communications to you regarding deadlines as information of returning comes available.

Spring/Summer: the applications are due by February 1st, 2018.



**Wishing
everyone a
Merry Christmas
& Happy New
Year!**

New Boarding House in Hagersville Addresses Housing Needs

A new boarding house aiming to reduce homelessness and provide help with day-to-day independent living in Southern Ontario will soon be open in Hagersville and available to MNCFN Community members in need.

Thanks to the work of Jody Jarrett, Home Operator of Mavis House in Hagersville, MNCFN members at risk of homelessness or needing a place to call home will have the chance to find permanent lodging.

The home, set to open at the beginning of December, will be able to house over 20 people when renovations are complete. Each room will have its own lock for privacy. The rooms are either single or semi-private, each with its own T.V., and the home provides three meals a day along with a host of other services.

It's open to anyone who is having trouble finding a permanent place to stay. There will be cooks and a Personal Support Worker on hand and someone to make sure residents are taking their medications if they are dealing with a mental illness and need their medication to function.

Unlike other shelters, which offer precarious nightly placements with no guarantee you can stay the next night, Mavis House offers permanent housing.

Jarrett describes it as a boarding house. Everything is included in the rent, outside of personal hygiene products and clothing. But they will help potential residents obtain clothing, too.

There is live-in, onsite staff to ensure the residents take their medications.

It's not a charity or run by the government. The rent runs at roughly \$1,100 a month for a semi-private room. But the rent is negotiable, says Jarrett.

It is also a drug and alcohol free environment. It's their place to call home, though. Many homeless

shelters allow people to stay overnight but they must leave in the morning and come back in the early evening hoping there's a spot for them. This home will help alleviate that problem for people in that situation.

"There are so many people out in the community that need housing," said Jarrett.

There will be staff on hand reminding residents to take their medications or have a shower, for instance, but other than that, residents have autonomy. The facility also has its own laundry service. The age group for potential residents is 20 to 60.

"It can be anybody that's just down and out on their luck," said Jarrett. "It can be mental health, it can be any kind of disorder, or someone who just had surgery and needs a place to heal. We know there's a lot of people out there that just don't have a place to live and we're there for them."

Anyone wishing to learn more can contact MNCFN MNCFN Ontario Works for more information.

**Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2017**

Register by November 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
Applications can be found at
MNCFN Social and Health Services Department
659 New Credit Road

Toy Pick Up: December 19, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Food Pick Up: December 20, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We will start accepting applications October 2, 2017
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 905-768-1181

Updates From

Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre

The JKs are starting to write/spell their names throughout the room and in their surroundings.

Coco wrote her name in the track at LSK. Azure and Bowen wrote their names on the magnadoodle. They have also been smudging every Monday morning. What a beautiful way to start the week.

The Preschool Room has been going for nature walks. They have been collecting the leaves, identifying the different types of trees and have been watching the colour changes in the leaves. The children had fun on "Wacky Wednesday" on November 22nd.

We were excited to have our friend/literacy specialist-Elizabeth VanEvery back to visit all the rooms on November 22nd and November 28th. We can't wait to see what fun activities she brings for us to explore.

The staff recently attended the annual PEACE Conference in Windsor. We would like to congratulate Melissa Carter RECE, who won the "Making Every Child Matter" award.

Each room is busy planning how they are going to decorate their door for Christmas fun. Get ready to be jolly!

We are planning some fun days in the month of December. Please stay tuned for the dates.

We will be closed Friday December 22nd and will re-open on Monday January 8th. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday!



Azure proudly displays her name writing skills on a magnadoodle!



The preschool room on their nature walk.

YOGA

Every Tuesday Evening
5:00 – 6:00 pm

Lloyd S. King Elementary School – Gym

Drop in for a relaxing and great workout!

Contact Leslie or Janice at 905-768-0141

Useful Tips for Residents at Informative Home Maintenance Workshop

MNCFN members attended a very educational workshop on home maintenance Nov. 1 and 2, thanks to the MNCFN Housing Department and Keith Maracle, a building inspector with KLM Associates.

The workshop took place over two days at the MNCFN Community Centre.

Participants got training on HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilator) maintenance – why you need one and how to maintain it, in addition to a host of other topics, including:

- Keeping moisture out of the basement
- How to clean refrigerators to keep them running smoothly
- How moisture can affect your breathing
- Furnace basics
- Changing filters on an HRV unit. An HRV unit has many benefits, including: moisture control, health benefits to occupants, and an improvement on quality of life

There were great tips taught at the workshop.

“If you don’t want a hot house, circulate the air with a fan instead of opening a window,” says Housing Director Lorraine Laforme.

Opening the window will only increase indoor air pollution, she says. The department provided kits to residents to balance their heat recovery ventilators.

Participants also learned “The Basics of Building Science”:

- the nature of heat and how it flows
 - conditions that have an effect on heat movement within the house
 - the basic relationship between heat and moisture.
- They learned about examples and the effects of uncontrolled heat in the home and what happens with uncon-

trolled heat and how moisture develops, in addition to how certain home environments contribute to mould growth.

Presenters explained methods and practices to control moisture, while developing an awareness of heat and its relationship to moisture development. Some factors to consider in moisture build-up prevention include the use of interior fans, the grading of your home, siding, weather sealing, roof coverings and eavestroughs, and the importance and maintenance of these systems.

They also learned safe practices for using basic tools and ladders.

“It was a good workshop,” said LaForme. “It was very informative.”

Prizes were handed out to participants. Pet King and Delta Sault won gift cards from Lowe’s.

The Social and Health Services Department also held a basic home maintenance workshop for MNCFN seniors on Nov. 28.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Every Monday and Thursday evening
6:00 – 7:00PM
MNCFN Community Centre

New Credit Community Health
is offering free Zumba classes!

Drop in to have fun and get a great workout!
Make sure you wear comfortable
clothing and shoes!

Donation Policy

The Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation sees the need for and is committed to the advancement of our First Nation through academic excellence and sportsmanship, under the categories of Education, Health and Welfare, Sports and Recreation, Arts and Culture and the Environment. Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation also encourages Health and physical activity by assisting Band members in their goal of being more physically active.

Donations granted under this policy are normally intended as one-time special event funding to assist Band members. The donation funding does not cover costs supported by other programs or funding sources, purchasing of equipment, tuition, books, travel and accommodations.

Council recognizes that special circumstances may arise where a Band member has the opportunity to advance to a higher calibre. Council reserves the right to donate to an individual or group at a higher level. The Donation Policy covers the period April 1-March 31 of each year:

1. Registration/lesson fees for any one of the eligible categories listed, on a reimbursement basis with receipts, up to \$250.00 per applicant per year.
2. Events funding for any one of the eligible categories listed:
 - Once time a year funding
 - To a maximum of \$500 or 50% of the proposed budget (individual)
 - To a maximum of \$1,000 or 50% of the proposed budget – group (3+ people)
 - To a maximum of \$1,000 or 50% of the proposed budget that includes accommodations and air-fare.

Applications can be picked up at the lands, research and membership office. You may also visit www.mncfn.ca/lrm to view an online application and eligibility criteria.



Youth Sports Night
Mondays November 20th, 27th
December 4th, & 11th
6:30-8:00 pm
Lloyd S. King Gym

Community Health is pleased to offer a variety of sports nights for boys and girls ages 12 and up. Come out for a fun night of Fencing! Please bring clean indoor shoes. Light refreshments will be available.

*To register please contact:
 Andrea King-Delton
 at 289-527-0009 or
andrea.king-delton@mncfn.ca*

QUILL / BIRCHBARK
WALL HANGING CLASS

December 1st - 6 pm - 9 pm
 December 2nd - 9 am - 4 pm
 December 3rd - 9 am - 4 pm
MNCFN Community Centre Boardroom

We are pleased to welcome Sandra D. Moore to MNCFN to provide this class. Sandra is Anishinaabe Kwe from Hiawatha First Nation. Over the course of the class, teachings will be given on the process of how to harvest quills and birchbark. All materials will be provided : birchbark; coloured quills; sinew; sewing needles; sweetgrass and pine needles.

Class is limited to 15 participants who can commit to all 3 days to complete either a 5" quilled wall hanging on birch bark or two quilled ornaments on birch bark.

To register or for more information contact
 Caitlin LaForme at 905-768-1133 ext. 248
 or caitlin.laforme@mncfn.ca

MNCFN Partners With Massey College in Toronto

Massey College marked its new and growing association with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) with events on Friday October 27 in Toronto, Ontario. The association is based on the spirit of reconciliation inspired by the Chapel Royal, Massey College, Gi-Chi-Twaa Gimaa Kwe Mississauga Anishinaabek Aname Gamik.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation was formally welcomed as an Honorary Senior Fellow of the College, joining The Duke of Edinburgh and the Chancellor of Oxford University as holders of this title. This is the highest honour bestowed by Massey, in recognition of the college's location on treaty lands and Territory of the MNCFN and will also pass to all future MNCFN Chiefs. The title was announced at a High Table dinner on Oct. 27, an event that honours those who uphold the college's collective values.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, attended Massey's first ever sunrise ceremony, conducted by Elder Garry Sault of MNCFN. Elder Sault then conducted a smudging ceremony for the college, which signifies both spiritual community and welcoming, as well as healing. A sacred fire burned throughout the day, and was extinguished at sunset.

The Lieutenant Governor also visited the Chapel Royal to inspect the new mural depicting the Treaty of Niagara, the basis of the chapel's theme of reconciliation, by Indigenous artist Philip Cote, and two new windows that honour the new association with the Mississaugas designed by Sarah Hall, the designer of the Wisdom Windows in the Upper Library.

The partnership arose from the designation of the Chapel Royal by the Queen on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Hugh Segal, head of Massey College, acknowledged being on the MNCFN traditional territory, and said, "We are grateful for the privilege of doing our work together



Chief
Laforme
and
Sandra
Shaul at
Massey
College

on these traditional lands of that First Nation. The Chapel Royal is about more than prayer, commemoration and reconciliation; it is about an activist commitment to move ahead together."

Chief Laforme said it's, "The beginning of a wonderful and productive friendship between the Mississaugas and Massey College. We have access to all of their knowledge as they now have access to all of ours. It's mutually beneficial."

MNCFN Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson and Stephi LaForme also attended the day's ceremonies.

"The Massey College event was a great experience and was a proud moment for our Chief and Council and our elders Garry Sault and Carolyn King and the MNCFN in building a positive relationship with Massey College," said Councillor LaForme. "It was a great experience to sit at the High Table and to meet so many inspiring young students that have accomplished so much in their educational goals."

Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson said, "It was an honour to sit at the High Table at Massey College in Toronto as they did introductions during the delicious dinner served. The new partnership with Massey College will open the door for many opportunities in the future on Treaty land and territory."

OUTREACH



Chief Laforme recites a poem during Treaty Week in Oakville.



L-R: Donald B. Smith, Councillor Margaret Sault and Chief Stacey Laforme at Treaty Week in Oakville.



Councillor Cathie Jamieson provided opening remarks on behalf of MNCFN at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame 2017 Induction Celebrations.



The MNCFN flag was raised in Oakville during Treaty Awareness Week.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 1st, 2017
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the MNCFN Community Centre

Social and Health Services invites you and your family to the annual Community Christmas Party!
 Full course turkey dinner • Crafts for everyone • Door prizes throughout the evening

Visit and pictures with Santa Clause!

Family photos can be picked up between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on December 5th at Social and Health Services
 For more information call Social and Health Services at 905-768-1181.

AQUAFIT
 WAYNE GRETZY SPORTS CENTRE
 THURSDAYS - NOVEMBER 16TH, 23RD, 30TH,
 DECEMBER 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 2017
 10:30 AM - MEET AT 9:30 AM IF RIDE REQUIRED
 WAYNE GRETZY SPORTS CENTRE

COMMUNITY HEALTH IS INVITING YOU TO COME OUT FOR AQUAFIT! AQUAFIT IS A GREAT WAY TO GET FITNESS BENEFITS AND IMPROVE YOUR CIRCULATION WITHOUT STRESSING YOUR JOINTS.

PLEASE BRING A BATHING SUIT AND TOWEL.

PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA KING-DELTON AT 289-527-0009 OR ANDREA.KING-DELTON@MNCFN.CA TO REGISTER. TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED IF REQUIRED.

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

MNCFN FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT

Ages 5 - 8 years 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Please Join Us! This program offers making healthy choices, dealing with loss and grief, healthy boundaries, dealing with feelings and emotions. Every Tuesday November 7, 2017 - December 19, 2017 Light refreshments Prizes every week! Social & Health Services Building - Teen Room 659 New Credit Road Hagersville, Ontario
Ages 9 - 12 years 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	There is no cost to attend this program

TO REGISTER please contact Pat Jamieson or Connie Henry at 905-768-1181

November 2017

Public Works Update

REMINDERS

i. Please make sure all the garbage and recyclables are located in designated areas. All custodians/ staff/residents should ensure it is properly set out for pick-up at curbside prior to 8:00 am on collection day.

ii. Departments/Residents information: Emterra Environmental collection trucks are equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite tracking systems that are monitored during operation. In the event of a “missed” call, the company can check the tracking system to ensure all pick-ups are completed. This system also records the date and time of the travelled routes.

iii. One final note: should departments/residents be notified of normal collection issues or if waste is forgotten to be set out at the proper time, PWD recommends not leaving the garbage and recycling out overnight to prevent animals from rummaging through it. PWD asks that the waste be put out the following week on normal collection day.

ROADS/BRIDGES

* There has not been any new information received by the Public Works Department from INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to accommodate the replacement of Bridge #13 located on Mississauga Road #125 (in close proximity to Cemetery Road). The Public Works Department will make best efforts to ensure members are kept informed of any planned road construction.

WATER/WASTEWATER

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

working on a pilot project with Trent and McGill Universities, Aclarus and Environment Canada on wastewater treatment methods to improve wastewater quality through the lagoon processing and discharging stage. The next meeting for the Master Drainage and Flood Remediation Plan is set for December 8, 2017 at which time it is planned for Trent and McGill Universities to update the team on the status of the wastewater treatment project. At the conclusion of the project, a final report will be presented to Chief and Council and made available for review.

BUILDINGS

Agimaw Gamig New Parking Lot Installation:
The Public Works Department has installed two (2) new handicapped parking spaces in the new lower parking lot in close proximity to the building entrance. Please be respectful of seniors/elders and persons with mobility issues by not parking in those parking spaces.

Community Centre New Handicapped Signage:
Public Works Department has installed new handicapped signs in the designated parking spaces in close proximity to the front entrance. Please be respectful of seniors/elders and persons with mobility issues by not parking in those parking spaces

Admin 1 (Education Building), Library and United Church – Furnace and a/c replacement:

The Public Works Department has awarded the contract for this scope of work to Middleport Mechanical for the replacement of the outdated equipment servicing these assets. Furnaces and a/c units will be replaced starting November 2017, which will remedy the need for inefficient use of the Infrastructure Maintenance Worker’s time by having to check on them on a daily basis during operation.

The MNCFN Public Works Department has been

Spooktacular Halloween Fun!

Halloween Festivities abounded in the community in October, with two fun-filled parties: a community Halloween party on Oct. 27 and a special annual Elders Halloween Lunch on Oct. 31. The community party included a spooky walk along the nature trail at nighttime, while the elders' lunch had Halloween-themed games and costume contest.



MNCFN Youth pose in their creative costumes at the Community Halloween Party!



Donna Powless and Delta Sault at the Elder's Halloween Party at the Community Centre.



December 2017

HOME & COMMUNITY CARE CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Euchre	2
4 FOOT CARE Client care	5 FOOT CARE Women's All Day Shop Client Care Laundry	6 FOOT CARE List Shop Client Care	7 FOOT CARE Men's All Day Shop Client Care	8 FOOT CARE Euchre	9
11 Client care	12 Seniors Christmas Dinner at Com Centre	13 List Shop Client Care laundry	14 Client Care	15 Euchre	16
18 Client care	19 Client Care Laundry Seniors Christmas shopping	20 List Shop Client Care	21 Client Care	22 Client care Building closed at noon	23
25	26 CH	27 RISTMAS	28 HOLIDAYS	29	30

MNCFN Addictions Awareness Event:

Nobody Chooses Addiction

Nobody chooses addiction.

That was the main message from Dr. Jim Cullen at the annual Addictions Awareness Event at the MNCFN Community Centre Nov. 16. Dr. Cullen is a huge proponent of proper treatment for addictions, as opposed to criminalization.

“The war on drugs is not working,” he said. “We know that treatment and prevention work. It’s a good time to be in our profession because we know what treatments work.”

Dr. Cullen provided the audience with an overview of different drugs, including cocaine, heroin, crack, marijuana, alcohol, crystal methamphetamine and, the one that’s making the most news lately, Fentanyl.

Fentanyl has been in the news a lot because of its association with high rates of overdose deaths in the past few years. It is 100 times more potent than heroin. Only a small amount of Fentanyl – equivalent to a few grains of salt – is enough to kill a human being. It slows down a person’s breathing and is a powerful painkiller.

It is used in hospitals when patients are being sedated for intubation (breathing tubes) and for severe trauma and cancer pain. It is also available with a prescription in either green or grey pills, or a patch that is stuck to one’s skin where it delivers a continuous-release dose of the drug over a longer period of time than the pill form. Dr. Cullen said people gravitate toward certain drugs if they are trying to self-medicate.

Some people use stimulants – like cocaine or crystal methamphetamine to become more confident and talkative. Dr. Cullen calls them “check-in” drugs. Others like to use sedatives or “downers” - like heroin and Fentanyl – to “check out.” They want to escape. Dr. Cullen says the drugs and alcohol are serving a

function to the person who is addicted.

Alcohol, for instance, can help some people feel social if they have social anxiety. Some people may like doing cocaine because they’re depressed and cocaine makes them happy, even if it’s just brief.

“Regardless of what the drug is, people are doing it for a reason,” said Dr. Cullen. “Nobody chooses addiction.”

Even after they’ve detoxed physically from the drug it takes well over a year or two or even longer to deal with the psychological cravings, he pointed out.

“The first year is the worst,” he said. “If you can get through that, it gets easier.”

Dr. Jim Cullen is a social worker with a 20-year history of working in the field of mental health and addictions. He is based in Toronto where he runs a full-time psychotherapy practice.

Lloyd S. King Elementary School

Food & Refreshments Raffle Tickets Student Crafts for Purchase Bake Sale Vendors

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 2, 2017

10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LSK Gym, 659 New Credit Road

This event is open to anyone interested!
Bring a re-usable shopping bag for all your purchases!
All proceeds go toward LSK Students
Please call Katharine Brown, LSK Home & School Committee, 905-768-3222

MNCFN Community Health Marks World Diabetes Day

Diabetes affects millions of people across Canada. And it affects Indigenous people at disproportionately higher rates than any other group in the country. It occurs at rates 3 to 5 times higher in Indigenous communities compared to non-Indigenous communities across Canada.

On World Diabetes Day on Nov. 21, MNCFN Social and Health Services – Community Health held an informative and day-long workshop and conference on diabetes for community members to learn more about diabetes, its risk factors and how to manage and cope with an existing diabetes diagnoses.

There are three types of diabetes: gestational, Type 1 and Type 2. About 90 per cent of diabetes cases are Type 2 diabetes. Type 1 usually develops before age 30 while Type 2 can occur anytime in life.

Gestational diabetes affects 3.7 per cent of all pregnant women. It cannot be prevented and places women at a higher risk for type 2 diabetes.

Risk factors for type 2 diabetes include: having a family member with diabetes, being a member of a high-risk group (Hispanic, Indigenous, south Asian, African), baby's birth weight over 9 lbs., high blood pressure or high cholesterol, being overweight (especially abdominal obesity), and socioeconomic status and environment.

Diabetes happens when the pancreas (a gland) malfunctions in its production of insulin (a hormone). Insulin moves sugar from food into cells to use as energy.

When there is too much sugar in the blood, over time, it can damage organs and other vital body parts.

There is good news, however: Type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed. Type 1 cannot be prevented. With type 1, symptoms appear quickly. With type 2, of-

tentimes, there are no symptoms. But some symptoms do include: being thirsty, urinating frequently, rapid weight changes, feeling very tired, blurred vision, cuts and bruises are slow to heal, tingling or loss of feeling in hands and feet and frequent infections.

Doctors can test for diabetes by administering a glucose tolerance test, which involves giving a patient a drink high in glucose (sugar) and testing their blood sugar in about two hours.

Experts advise getting plenty of exercise and eating healthy snacks from home while at work. Other workplace measures to optimize health include organizing healthy activities (lunch working groups, group stretches) and supporting colleagues that are taking charge of their health

For more information, visit www.diabetes.ca.

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FIRST NATION
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dietitian Available
The MNCFN Community Health Program
will have a Dietitian available
at the Social & Health Services building.

Please contact Leslie Sault at 905-768-0141
to make an appointment.

This is open to everyone and there is no cost!

LSK and Brampton School

Plant Reconciliation Garden

Students from LSK Elementary School and students from St. Agnes Taylor Public School in Brampton punctuated months of working and learning together with the planting of a reconciliation garden on Friday, October 27 in Brampton.

MNCFN's part in the special reconciliation garden planting was led by Andrea King-Dalton and Elder Carolyn King, who partnered with Ecosource and was the final activity as part of the Travelling the Credit Program that took place throughout the summer with grade 7 students from LSK and Grade 3 students from St. Agnes Taylor.

The Travelling the Credit program started in June and was comprised of a series of workshops over the summer which got Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth together to learn about the history, people and ecology of the Credit River watershed by listening to Indigenous voices.

Each of the workshops was held by a different Indigenous knowledge holder. The workshops took place throughout the Credit River watershed, where participants learned about history and biodiversity from MNCFN members Carolyn King and Carla Campbell. They also learned about traditional cooking by Elder Mark Sault.

In the fall, the youth who participated over the summer had the opportunity to volunteer for a leadership experience to design a nature walk for the public. Eight youth decided to do this, and led walks at various points along the Credit River.

On these walks, they shared some of the information that they'd learned over the summer. Over 100 people from the public signed up to participate in the walks. October 26th was the final activity before the program wraps up in November.

The students planted a reconciliation garden at St.



St. Agnes and LSK students worked together to plant a reconciliation garden.

Agnes Taylor School, in addition to a garden that the students planted at LSK already.

Two students, one from each school, were buddied together to plant the garden.

Sarah Bale, of Ecosource, is the program coordinator for Travelling the Credit Program.

“I think that these reconciliation gardens are important because we are coming together to work together, and learn together, and build relationships among the youth who are our future,” she said.

The program was funded by the Ontario Government and the Ontario 150 Program (a program that recognizes 2017 as Canada's 150th birthday since Confederation).

“The hope is that today is the beginning of a partnership between these two schools who will have sister gardens and have had this special experience together,” she said. “These gardens represent a positive growth towards a better future.”

MNCFN Annual Christmas Bazaar



*Beautiful crafts were on sale at the annual bazaar
at the MNCFN Community Centre*



*Talented craftspeople showcase their wares for
sale.*



IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam: Clark Leo (90) Wythe

In constant and loving memory of our dear brother “90” who was so suddenly taken from us November 26, 2015:

They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way we feel
For no one knows the heartache
That lies behind our smiles
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried
We want to tell you something

So there won't be any doubt

You're too wonderful to think of

But so hard to be without

A bouquet of beautiful memories

Sprayed with a million tears

If love could have saved you

You never would have died

-Lovingly remembered and never forgotten: “90”, by your sisters and brothers Sue and Joe, Jackie, Elvis, Bonnie, Dice and Greg.

Missing you so much.

Till we meet again dear brother.

Carson McKenzie LaForme

In loving memory of our dear Uncle Cars, who suddenly passed Nov. 24, 2015.

Those we love, we never lose

For always they will be

Loved, remembered, treasured

Always in our memory

Lovingly remembered and never forgotten Uncle,

By nieces, nephews, Sue, Hubberd, Elvis, Bonnie, Dice and Greg.

Till we meet again, dear Uncle.

NOTICES

Mattice: Taetum Willow September 23, 2013 - October 31, 2017: Was granted her angel wings on October 31, 2017 following a 5 month illness at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario. Taetum passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends. Precious daughter of Christy and Eric. Sister to twin brother's Zander and Xzavier. Grandparents Randy King and late Linda, and Linda Mattice and the late Elwood. Taetum will be missed greatly by her many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Special thanks to the amazing staff at McMaster Children's Hospital. We thank you for being such a huge part of Taetum's Journey. Much love to you all. To Bill Lofthouse of Anderson Funeral Home for your care and guidance at this difficult time. In June 2017 Taetum was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, throughout Taetum's journey she possessed immense strength, courage, perseverance and an ability to overcome obstacles. With her courage, Taetum lead us all to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. Taetum Willow, also known as "Taterbug" had such a zest for life, those who were blessed to know her fell in love with her excitement, her energy, her laugh, and her ability to ap-



proach life as an adventure. "Taterbug" is known for her "sassy" ways, meaning that Taetum was bold, spirited, cheeky and saucy with attitude, quality that we all love most. www.rhbanderson.com
Taetum you are always loved, never forgotten, forever missed.

Maxwell Elliott King, age 74, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on November 6, 2017. Max was the beloved husband of Karen (nee deSoto), cherished Father of Karl, Andrea and Wayne, Katharine and Andrew, and Matthew and Stephanie, dearly-loved Poppa of Falcon, Kaytee, Alex, Jake, Myles, Syllas, Julius, Alysse, Thyssen, and Ethan, older brother of Dr. Malcolm and Dr. Alexandra King, brother-in-law of Lee and Anne deSoto, and Julie Trebilcock, caring uncle to many nieces and nephews. Max was born on January 31, 1943 in London, England to Margaret and Maxwell King. He emigrated to Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation in 1944, where he was raised by his parents Margaret and Lloyd King. Upon graduating from Hagersville High School, Max attended McMaster University where he met his wife of 52 years, Karen. Max was a teacher, coach and administrator at Hagersville S. S. and Cayuga Secondary School for 31 years. He was the second First Nations person to become a principal of a Ministry of Ontario Secondary School. Max was involved in First Nation education both as principal at Lloyd S. King Elementary School and Director of Education on New Credit for over 20 years. He served as an elected councilor on Haldimand council for 18 years. Max stayed active in retirement as a member of the Knights of Columbus, sitting on the West Haldimand General Hospital and being involved in numerous charity and fundraising endeavours, as well as spending time at the family cottage on Duck Lake. Max had a passion for travelling and in recent years took his entire family to both the East coast and Western Canada. Max's life came



full circle when they built their retirement home on the family farm where he grew up and he took an active role in rejuvenating the farm. The family will honour his life with visitation at the Hyde & Mott Chapel of R.H.B. Anderson Funeral Homes Ltd., 60 Main St. S., Hagersville on Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Evening Prayers 6:30 pm. Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 94 Main St. S., Hagersville on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 11:30 am. Cremation to follow. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the West Haldimand General Hospital Foundation or the charity of your choice. Reception to immediately follow at New Credit Community Center, 659 New Credit Road.

Water Committee Seeking Input On MNCFN Water Claim

The Ganawenjigejik Niibi Bemaadiziwin Committee (MNCFN Water Committee) is inviting MNCFN members to provide input on the MNCFN Water Claim, launched in September 2016.

An information session was held at the MNCFN Community Centre on Nov. 17, where MNCFN lawyer Kim Fullerton provided an update on the status of the MNCFN Water Claim.

Also presenting at the information evening was renee LeRoux Goretsky, a Ph.D student from the University of Guelph. Ms. Goretsky's chief research interest is the indigenization of water systems in Canada in order to achieve social justice for First Nations. She will be working with the MNCFN to uncover how the band membership values water. The input she will gather will be used to inform the discussion regarding the water claim and its resolution. Volunteers are earnestly desired to participate in Renee's research and those wishing to take part may contact Darin Wybenga via email at darin.wybenga@mncfn.ca or Renee Goretsky (part of the joint research team) at releroux@uoguelph.ca or phone at 647-973-7754.

Council approved the formation of the Ganawenjigejik Niibi Bemaadiziwin Committee (Water Committee) in January of 2016 as a sub-committee of the MNCFN Treaty and Aboriginal Committee (TARC). The Committee has been delegated the responsibility to advise TARC on the stewardly management of water, beds of water, and floodplains within the Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for the benefit of the MNCFN.

Duties of the Committee include:

1. Advising the TARC as to possible courses of action pertaining to Crown and/or proponent projects submitted to, and assessed by the DOCA that have the potential to impact water, beds of water and floodplains within the Territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

2. Providing recommendations as to the education of all levels of government and/or proponents as to their responsibility to consult and, if necessary, reach accommodation(s) with the MNCFN on all projects within MNCFN Territory that have the potential to impact water, beds of water and floodplains.

3. Providing recommendations as to the education of the MNCFN membership regarding their right to be consulted by the Crown and/or the proponents of projects within their Territory- especially those projects concerning water, and their right to accommodation(s) when concerns are raised.

4. Seeking out like-minded organizations and individuals to learn of best practices that will enhance and inform the MNCFN's stewardship and management of the waters within their Territory for the benefit of the First Nation.

5. Developing a water code, reflective of MNCFN values, to which projects must adhere in order to use the waters within MNCFN Territory.

6. Advising the TARC as to strategy relating to the advancement of the MNCFN water claim.



Afterschool Skate

Every Wednesday starting October 11th, 2017
4:00 pm - 4:50 pm
Gaylord Powless Arena

Community Support welcomes New Credit community members to join in an afterschool Skate every Wednesday at the Gaylord Powless Arena in Ohsweken beginning October 11th 2017!

Everyone on the ice must wear a helmet.

Any questions please contact
Community Support at 905-768-1181 ext.246

Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser

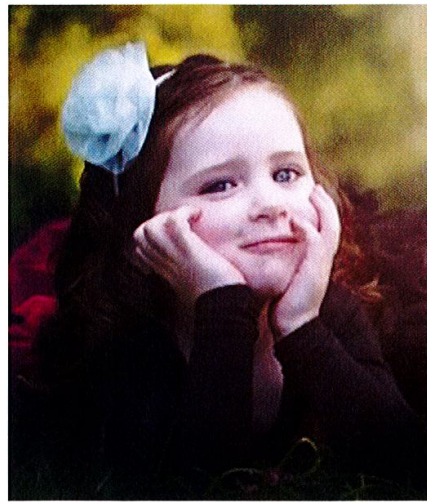
Join us December 20, 2017 as we raise funds for Julie, the late Taetum and a cancer support group. Raffles, 50/50, Julie, Chief Stacey LaForme, Councillor Evan Sault, MNCFN Community Trust General Manager Mark Sevestre and many others will be shaving their heads! A few others will be eating Blue Mountain Oysters (Buffalo testicles :P).

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
Community Centre
659 New Credit Road

Julie LaForme underwent surgery to remove radical nephrectomy July 2017 but now Cancer is back. As a result of the surgery Julie has already used nearly all her vacations, sick leave and OT on hospital stay and doctors' appointments. Julie has learned that she is stage 4, traditional types of Chemo and radiation don't work on this type of Cancer and will be starting chemotherapy in November 2017.

Taetum Willow Mattice daughter of Christy King and Eric Mattice, were given the heart wrenching news in June 2017. Their sweet, sassy, spunky, outgoing beautiful 3 year old baby girl was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) throughout Taetum's journey she possessed immense strength, courage, perseverance and an ability to overcome obstacles. Taetum was granted her angel wings on October 31, 2017 following a 5 month illness at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario. Taetum passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends.



Dinner cost: \$10. Donations are being accepted. Please contact Amanda L. Sault if there are any questions: a.sault.2015@gmail.com, or 613-572-3404. Miigwetch for your support!



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EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	PG.
Dec. 1	Dietitian	Social and Health Services	Call for Appt.	25
Dec. 1-3	Quill Workshops	MNCFN Community Centre Boardroom	6-9 pm; 9-4 pm	18
Dec. 1	Community Christmas Party	MNCFN Community Centre	5-8:30 pm	21
Dec. 2	LSK Christmas Bazaar	LSK Gym	10:30 am-3 pm	24
Dec. 4	Traditional Parenting	S&HS - Teen Room	5:30-8:30 pm	5
Dec.4	Youth Sports Night - Fencing	LSK Gym	6:30-8 pm	18
Dec. 4	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	17
Dec. 5	Making Healthy Choices	S&HS - Teen Room	5:30-6:30; 6:45-8 pm	21
Dec. 5	Yoga	LSK Gym	5-6 pm	16
Dec. 6	After School Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4-4:50 pm	29
Dec. 7	Aquafit	Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre	10:30 am	21
Dec. 8	Dietitian	Social and Health Services	Call for Appt.	25
Dec. 11	Youth Sports Night - Fencing	LSK Gym	6:30-8 pm	18
Dec. 11	Traditional Parenting	S&HS - Teen Room	5:30-8:30 pm	5
Dec. 11	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	17
Dec. 12	Making Healthy Choices	S&HS - Teen Room	5:30-6:30; 6:45-8 pm	21
Dec. 12	Yoga	LSK Gym	5-6 pm	16
Dec. 13	After School Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4-4:50 pm	29
Dec. 14	Aquafit	Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre	10:30 am	21
Dec. 15	Dietitian	Social and Health Services	Call for Appt.	25
Dec. 18	Traditional Parenting	S&HS - Teen Room	5:30-8:30 pm	5
Dec. 18	Zumba	MNCFN Community Centre	6-7 pm	17
Dec. 19	Yoga	LSK Gym	5-6 pm	16
Dec. 19	Christmas Baskets - Toy Pickup	Social and Health Services	9:30-11:30 am	15
Dec. 20	After School Skate	Gaylord Powless Arena	4-4:50 pm	29
Dec. 20	Christmas Baskets - Food Pickup	Social and Health Services	9:30-11:30 am	15
Dec. 21	Aquafit	Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre	10:30 am	21
Dec. 22	Christmas Closure	All MNCFN Administration	12 pm	
Jan. 8	Offices re-open	All MNCFN Administration	8:30 am	

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