

EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

Our Veterans Remembered



It was a beautiful Veterans Day Ceremony at the MCFN Veterans Memorial Monument on Sunday, Nov. 10 where once again, all MCFN veterans past and present were honoured for their sacrifices.

Vision Statement ⁱⁿ Ojibwe:

Ezhi niigaan waabjigaayewaad Mississaugas of the Credit endaawaad (the vision of these people). Ezhip mino maadzijig (living a joyful life), ezhi waamji-gaazwaad (their identity, how people have identified them), ezhi debwedmowaad (their beliefs), ezhi mimiingaazwaad (what was given to them by Creation, what they always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).

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

Eaglepress Newsletter

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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LSK Mural: Eaglepress Newsletter acknowledges artist(s) Philip Cote, Tracey Anthony, Rebecca Baird, for use of their artwork for our identifier, marketing and promotional materials.

The original artwork (pictured below) is located in the Library at Lloyd S. King Elementary School.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

A Message From Chief R. Stacey Laforme

I hope everyone had a happy, safe holiday season. Take the moments to enjoy each other's company.

As the new year is approaching the most important thing as we go forward is to continue to connect, to continue to move forward together and to always ensure we move forward in a good way. To make sure we do our ancestors proud!

Miigwech and happy holidays!

Chief R Stacey Laforme





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WE WISH YOU A HAPPY

From the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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YEAR

Let's Learn Anishinaabemowin: December Words

Mnidoonhs Giizisl	Little Spirit Moon
mamaangipont	there are big snowflakes
bibooni	t is winter
niibaa-anama'e-giizhigadi	t is Christmas
aabita-bibooni midwinter	t is New Year; it is
mikwami	ice
madoodiswana	a sweat lodge
mizise-wiiyaast	turkey meat
wawezhi'	decorate

HISTORICAL TIDBIT By Darin Wybenga

Historical Tidbit- December 2019

Last month's Historical Tidbit, used John Laforme's own words to tell the story of his marriage to Betsey Walker and the establishment of the Laforme family among the Mississaugas of the Credit River. This month's tidbit will focus on John's brother, Stephen Laforme.

Unlike John, we know very little of Stephen's early life and how he came to live among the Mississaugas at the Credit River; even his birthdate is a matter of speculation with some census records indicating he was born as early as 1811 and others as late in 1819. It is known, however, that he married Nancy Herkimer on December 17, 1837 at the Credit River Mission and remained married to her for slightly over 35 years until her death on February 7, 1873. The relationship between Stephen and Nancy saw the birth of four children. Three of the children- Sophia (1840-1897), Sarah Ann (1842-?) and Mariah (1845-?) were born at the "Old" Credit, while a son, Joseph (1851-1925), was born at New Credit.

Captain James McLean, explains how he, Thomas Wood and brothers, John and Stephen Laforme, came to New Credit when the Mississaugas migrated in 1847:

At the time of the surrender of the Old Credit Reserve and when it was decided to move here [New Credit] I asked in Council over which Capt. Anderson presided, what should be done with the four white men who had married Indian women, meaning myself, my son-in-law, Thomas Wood,

and the two Frenchmen, John and Stephen Laforme. Shall they remain here[Credit River] or go with the Band? Capt. Anderson said. "Yes. let the boys go with the Band", and Chief Sawyer [Joseph], father of the present David Sawyer, and the other Chiefs took me by the hand and arm and said " we want you to go with us" and it was then unanimously agreed that we should go with the Band, receive lands, become members and share with the rest.

Stephen, along with the other "white men", was provided with a money grant from the band in the amount of \$50 to purchase a yoke of oxen and \$150 towards building a house. Stephen took the money, built a frame house and set about farming 50 acres of land on the SE corner of lot 9, Concession 2 of Tuscarora Township.

The first years at New Credit would have been difficult for Stephen and his family. Much of the lands that made up New Credit were in a state of nature when the Mississaugas arrived in May of 1847. Clearing enough land to put crops in the ground and erecting a home would have been a priority for Stephen upon his family's arrival. His contemporaries described him as an industrious man, and no doubt he worked hard to get his farm in order for the oncoming winter. In fact, everyone within the band had worked hard upon their arrival at their new home. Before eight months had passed, many of the families had cleared between two and four acres of land and had put in a wheat crop. Homes had been built either of log or frame construction- the community had even erected a place of worship which did double duty as a school house.

Despite the proximity of his farm to the New Credit Mission Church and his self-identification as a Wesleyan-Methodist, Stephen struggled to live up to the ideals held by the church going people of the community. The New Credit Mission Book records the ups and downs of Stephen's religious life. Although never exactly stating what "great sins" Stephen had committed warranting the admonishment of the church, it was well known that he was no teetotaler and did occasionally drink to excess, but he was not considered a drunkard. Considering Methodism's aversion to alcoholic beverages, it is not too hard to imagine why Stephen had his ups and downs with the Church.

Stephen outlived his wife by some 18 years and died on 29 March, 1889. His last will and testament left assorted household goods to his three daughters, but left the farm to his only son, Joseph. Sadly, as is often the case, the validity of the will was disputed by one of the children. Unlike daughters Sarah and Mariah who had changed band membership upon marriage to Six Nations husbands and could therefore make no claim to land at New Credit, Stephen's eldest daughter, Sophia, had retained her band

membership and could possess land on the reserve. It was her contention that she had helped to improve her father's farm and, as such, was entitled to half of the family farm. Initially the Band Council sided with Joseph and respected Stephen's last wishes recognizing him as the sole legitimate heir to the farm. Sophia appealed the decision before a new Council in 1891 where it was decided that the land should be divided equally between Joseph and Sophia. Eventually, the Indian Agent, Dr. P.E. Jones, sought direction from the Indian Department in Ottawa. The Department ruled that as Stephen Laforme was a "whiteman" he could not legally "will" his farm to anyone. Under the Indian Act, the land belonged to the heirs of Stephens's wife, Nancy Herkimer, and therefore the land must be divided equally between Joseph and Sophia.

Although the descendants of Stephen Laforme have not as been as prolific on the membership rolls of the First Nation as those of his older brother, John, they too are essential elements in the tapestry that is known as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

MCFN MONTHLY GATHERING

Saturday, January 25, 2020 10:00 am – 1:00 pm MCFN Community Centre



AGENDA Arrivals & morning refreshi

10:00 am	Drum Opening
10:05 am	Opening Prayer
10:15 am	Opening Remarks by Facilitator
10:25 am	Welcoming Remarks by Chief
10:30 am	Introduction to 2019-2021 Councillors
	Trailblazers Strategic Plan and Governance Arrangements
	Councillor Assignment of Pillars/Boards and Committees
12:00 pm	Lunch



View the meeting live on our FACEBOOK GROUP at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1974534826131680/ Miigwech!

Next Monthly Gathering: Saturday, February 22, 2020 Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Hagersville Food Bank.



LET'S ROCK OUR MOCS!

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Established in 2011, Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Native American & Indigenous Peoples movement held annually from November 9 - 16 with November 15 as ROCK YOUR MOC DAY. November is also National Native American Heritage Month in the United States. All anyone needs to do to participate is wear their moccasins. If a person doesn't own mocs, can't wear mocs, or perhaps their Band didn't wear mocs, wear a Turquoise Awareness Ribbon instead. Rock Your Mocs is a fun way to unify Native American, Aboriginal, First Nations, Alaskan Native, Indigenous Peoples globally through internet social media. It's like a great big fun moccasin party that everyone gets to see pictures of! Enjoy MCFN staff ROCK YOUR MOCS pictures and thank you to all who participated.





Creation Story Session with Kim Sault OPEN TO ALL

Tuesday evenings in January January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2020 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lloyd S. King - Library/Mural Room, 659 New Credit Road, Bldg #3

Join us as Kim Sault takes us through the Creation Story using the Kiinwi Dabaadjmowin (Our Story) mural at Lloyd S. King Elementary School. Each session will have hands-on activities designed to allow participants to develop their connection to the Creation Story and apply an interpretation of their own life within Creation by recognizing their own gifts and place in the world.

Dinner will be provided. Limited to 10 participants. Participants must be committed to attend all four sessions.

Registration required for catering purposes, <u>deadline to register Jan. 6, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.</u> To register, please contact Jai King-Green at 905-768-1133, Ext. 232 or by email at Jai.king-green@mncfn.ca

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



MCFN Veteran Mark LaForme lays wreath at the memorial service.

the Six Nations Veterans Association were also present at the service.

Special mention the Toronto Scottish Regiment who complemented the ceremony with the bugler and piper performances. They had a great connection to MCFN – they were the 75th (Mississauga) Battalion, named in honour of the fierce warrior traditions of the Mississaugas. They were very honored to be a part of our ceremony and it was a pleasure to host and have them be a part of the service.

MPP Will Bouma was also in attendance and laid a wreath for Ontario along with the MCFN

On Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, MCFN held their annual Veterans Day Memorial Service with Chief R. Stacey Laforme who provided the opening remarks and thanked all veterans for their contributions and sacrifices made for our present day freedoms.

The Big Train Drum Group performed a touching Veteran's Song while Summer Brant did an opening prayer in both



Anishinaabemowin and English. A beautiful acoustice rendition of the national anthem was performed



by singer/songwriter Mark LaForme.

MCFN Community members donated beaded poppies and were gifted to the MCFN veteran's in attendance. Veterans in attendance were: Mark LaForme, Bill LaForme, Shelly Sault, Gary Sault, Albert Sault, Norman Craig, and Mike Sault. Veterans from members and veterans that laid wreaths for loved ones.

The following is from the Canadian War Museum and provides a history of how Remembrance day came to be in Canada.

Community recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every 11 November at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World War and an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defence.

Armistice Day was inaugurated in 1919 throughout much of the British Empire, but on the second Monday in November. In 1921, the Canadian Parliament passed an Armistice Day bill to observe ceremonies on the first Monday in the week of 11 November, but this combined the event with the Thanksgiving Day holiday. For much of the 1920s, Canadians observed the date with little public demonstration. Veterans and their families gathered in churches and around local memorials, but observances involved few other Canadians.

In 1928, some prominent citizens, many of them veterans, pushed for greater recognition and to separate the remembrance of wartime sacrifice from the Thanksgiving holiday. In 1931, the federal government decreed that the newly named Remembrance Day would be observed on 11

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

November and moved Thanksgiving Day to a different date. Remembrance Day would emphasize the memory of fallen soldiers instead of the political and military events leading to victory in the First World War.

11 November

Remembrance Day rejuvenated interest in recalling the war and military sacrifice, attracting thousands to ceremonies in cities large and small across the country. It remained a day to honour the fallen, but traditional services also witnessed occasional calls to remember the horror of war and to embrace peace. Remembrance Day ceremonies were usually held at community cenotaphs and war memorials, or sometimes at schools or in other public places. Two minutes of silence, the playing of the Last Post, the recitation of In Flanders Fields, and the wearing of poppies quickly became associated with the ceremony.

Remembrance Day has since gone through periods of intense observation and periodic decline. The 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in 1995 marked a noticeable upsurge of public interest, which has not ebbed in recent years. It is now a national holiday for federal and many provincial government workers, and the largest ceremonies are attended in major cities by tens of thousands. The ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa is nationally televised, while most media outlets – including newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations, and internet sources – run special features, interviews, or investigative reports on military history or remembrance-related themes.

The red poppy, a native plant along much of the Western Front during the First World War, has become a powerful symbol of remembrance. It is the principal emblem of the Royal Canadian Legion, which distributes several million each year to be worn by Canadians on Remembrance Day.

"In Flanders Fields the Poppies Blow..."

The familiar symbol of the poppy owes much of its fame to Canadian poet and soldier John McCrae. In Flanders Fields, McCrae's best-known poem, was inspired by and made reference to the poppies which grew along the Western Front. It opens, "In Flanders

fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row..."

The blood-red poppy had long been associated with the fighting armies of Europe, and the flowers often overgrew the mass graves left by battles. During the First World War, enormous artillery bombardments completely disrupted the landscape, infusing the chalk soils with lime. The poppies thrived in the environment, their colours standing out against the blasted terrain.

An Enduring Symbol

In 1921, the Great War Veterans' Association, the largest of several Canadian veterans groups, adopted the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. The Canadian Legion, formed in 1925, continued this connection. The poppy was worn on the left lapel and close to the heart to recognize the sacrifice of soldiers in times of war. They were initially made by disabled veterans and the proceeds of sales, then and now, go towards funding veterans' needs.

The poppy remains an enduring symbol of remembrance in Canada, Great Britain, the nations of the Commonwealth, and in the United States for those who served or fell in service of their country.

Reprint from *https://www.warmuseum.ca/ firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/remembrance/ remembrance-day/*



Lest We Forget

Quill/Birchbark Hanging Workshop with Sandra D. Moore



Combining art with practicality, participants enjoyed a day with Sandra D Moore while being taught the techniques of Porcupine Quill art. In this workshop, Sandra shared her knowledge of harvesting quills, harvesting birch bark, as well as dyeing and storing quills and much more. All supplies and tools were provided. This ancient Anishnaabe art form is at risk of being lost if not shared. It was wonderful to see this workshop so well received in the community. On Nov. 29, 30 and Dec 1, Special Events and Culture hosted a Quill/Birchbark Hanging Workshop. Enjoy these beautiful pieces.







Miigwech ladies for sharing your works of art with us.





Anishinaabemowin Classes



MCFN is honoured to have Mr. James Shawana back teaching the Anishinaabemowin classes. Classes will break December 18, but will resume January 8, 2020.

Classes were provided free of charge and was opened to anyone wishing to learn Anishinaabemowin. If you missed the fall session, classes start again every Wednesday in January 2020.

Hope to see you all out in January!

About the Ojibwe Language

Ojibwe has been called by many names including Anishinaabemowin, Ojibwe, Ojibway, Ojibwa, Southwestern Chippewa, and Chippewa. It is a Central Algonquian language spoken by the Anishinaabe people throughout much of Canada from Ontario to Manitoba and US border states from Michigan to Montana. It is centered around the Great Lakes homeland of the Ojibwe people.

Revitalization efforts are underway, with immersion schools operating in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ojibwe has a growing number of second-language speakers, and the language is taught in many secondary and post-secondary classrooms throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario. The Ojibwe People's Dictionary is part of that greater project.

Reprint from The Ojibwe People's Dictionary. https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu/about-ojibwe-language





Leather Mitten Making Workshop

On Nov. 9, 2019 the Mitten Making Workshop was very well attended and was a huge success!! Miigwech to Nikki Shawana for all of your teachings and sharing your gifts with us. It was truly a beautiful day! Miigwech to Jenny Henry for the amazing salad bar lunch and Rebecca Hill for the snacks in the morning. Last but not least Miigwech to the Culture and Special Events Unit for organizing this excellent workshop!

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



The new building at U of T Mississauga was unofficially opened last year. The name Maanjiwe nendamowinan, chosen in collaboration with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, means a "gathering of minds" (photo by Drew Lesiuczok)

The University of Toronto Mississauga has announced the official name of its newest building that acknowledges both the Indigenous

Maanjiwe

nendamowinan

Gathering of Minds

was officially opened on November 22, 2019 by

Rose M. Patten, Chancellor, University of Toronto

and honoured guests Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of the City of Mississauga R. Stacey Laforme, Chief, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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history of the land and the future of the campus.

The new building, erected in place of the original 1967 North Building, unofficially opened its doors in September 2018. While construction crews completed landscaping and interior finishes, a university committee reviewed name suggestions – more than 700 in total - for the new structure.

overwhelming An number of submissions focused on Indigenous

themes, leading to a collaboration with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) on whose traditional territory the campus now stands. Following careful consideration, MCFN recommended Maanjiwe nendamowinan (pronounced Mahnji-way nen-da-mow-in-ahn), a formally endorsed Anishinaabemowin name meaning "gathering of minds."

The university celebrated the new name at the opening ceremony held this month Friday, past on Nov. 22. "On behalf of the entire U of T community, I would like to thank and congratulate all those involved in the naming of this key building on the UTM campus, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation," said President Meric Gertler. "It reflects our commitment to engagement with Indigenous communities as we work together to lead the process of reconciliation."

"I am pleased and honoured that UTM's newest academic building will be known

as Maanjiwe nendamowinan, meaning 'gathering of minds' in Anishinaabemowin," said U of T Mississauga Acting Vice-President & Principal Amrita Daniere. "It captures, so perfectly, the spirit and purpose of this building, and reflects the land on which the campus operates and U of T's ongoing response to the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

> "We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for bestowing the name of Maanjiwe nendamowinan on this beautiful building," she said.

"This is a major step forward on reconciliation with the Mississaugas of the Credit and UTM," said MCFN Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson. "Through naming a building in Anishinaabemowin – Maanjiwe nendamowinan or 'the gathering place for good minds to come together' - this is what education is about."

"Our vision is to have an Indigenous hub at UTM that attracts Indigenous students as they seek higher education while enabling them to stay connected and grounded to their history and identity," King-Jamieson said. "We are honoured that UTM created space for not only the Mississaugas of the Credit through this collaboration, but for all Indigenous Peoples."

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Maanjiwe nendamowinan was designed by Perkins+Will and built by Stuart Olson Inc. The six-storey, 210,000-square-foot buildina replaces the original North Building and completes the renaissance of the northern portion of campus. It features an airy, six-storey atrium and event space, 40,000 square feet of new classroom space with cutting-edge technology, active learning classrooms and more than 500 new study spaces. It houses the departments of English and drama, philosophy, historical studies,

philosophy, historical studies, language studies, political science and sociology and the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre. Sustainability features, such as rainwater recycling, energy-efficient mechanical systems and green roof space, resulted in a LEED Silver designation.



Story by U of T news.

https://www.utoronto.ca/news/maanjiwenendamowinan-u-t-mississauga-s-newest-buildinghonours-past-looks-future

Big Drum Gifted to MCFN Massey College Office

Jamie Laidlaw is a collector of Indigenous Art and a friend to Indigenous people and causes. About 30 years ago, he purchased a magnificent while drum visiting Sante Fe, New Mexico. At the time, he did



not know why he had this impulse purchase or nor what he would eventually do with it, but it all came very clear to him after the Laidlaw Foundation agreed to his proposal of developing a scholarship for Massey College, Indigenous Junior Fellows.

He knew then that the drum he had purchased 30 years ago should be gifted to Chief Stacey Laforme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation: "Chief

Laforme was elected as an honorary Senior Fellow in the fall of 2017, and given that Massey College is situated on the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, we think of this as a small, respectful act of recognition."

On Nov. 7, 2019, Jamie Laidlaw along with his close Indigenous friends carried the Drum and gifted it to Chief Stacey Laforme at Massey College in Toronto. The drum had found its final home after 30 years.

"We are honoured to be gifted this big drum and look forward to hearing the heart beat of Mother Earth at Massey College" Chief Stacey Laforme. Miigwech to Jamie Laidlaw on behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.







New Credit Fellowship Centre offers outreach & support throughout the year to families & the local community. Under the direction of Pastor Ken & Sonya Sault, their Annual Christmas Outreach program offers warm clothing, toys & Christmas Hampers to families in need of support.

Special thanks to Heaslip Ford Hagersville for their Generous donation toward NCFC Christmas Outreach Program.

New Credit Fellowship Center Captures First Place and Peoples Choice Award at the Annual Six Nations Santa Claus Parade - Congratulations!



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Native Horizons Needs Our Help - Chase The Ace!

Native Horizons Treatment Centre is a world class addictions treatment center situated on the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

In addition to community wellness and outreach programs, our core 6-week program addresses addictions issues and the underlying causes of addictions. For many First Nation communities and individuals, trauma is a common factor of substance use and abuse. Native Horizons provides holistic and traditional programming to assist clients (Community Members, CM's), on their respective wellness journeys.

After 30 years of successful program

delivery, on December 13, 2018, our facility was decimated by fire.

Undaunted by this setback, the staff and board of directors of NHTC have vowed to rebuild.

Unfortunately, insurance and other funding sources fall short of the money required to rebuild with our renewed vision. Our goal is to dig in and work our butts off to raise enough money to not only restore our facility, but to make it even more welcoming and accommodating, and to enable us to continue to serve the wellness needs of our Community Members.

By supporting NHTC's Chase the Ace, your participation will go a long way in helping us to help others. Native Horizons Treatment Centre is grateful for the encouragement and



support of Chief and Council of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Native Horizons Treatment Centre has a new permanent home to host it's weekly Chase the Ace draws.

NHTC is ecstatic to announce that Rhonda and Ron Johnson, owners of MJ's Gas & Variety located at 22 Ojibway Road (Corner of Ojibway and Town Line), have agreed to host NHTC to conduct our draws at their popular restaurant, gas bar and variety store.

Draws are Facebook Live every Tuesday until that elusive Ace of Spades is chosen.

For more information on the Native Horizons Treatment Centre, please visit their website at https://nhtc.ca/ or visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ NewNHTC

On Nov. 26, at Queen's Park, MCFN Elder Garry Sault provided the opening and traditional land acknowledgement of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation at the the 80th anniversary of Nature Canada last evening at Queen's Park. Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell was also in attendance to recognize the advocacy, education, and volunteer efforts that are required for a brighter and greener future. Dowdeswell, a founding member of Women in Nature, was pleased to recognize them as recipients of the Volunteers of the Year award.



Results of the 111th MCFN General Election

VOTES FOR CHIEF	
LAFORME, R. Stacey	269
SAULT, Larry	144
VOTES FOR COUNCILLO	DRS
FERRELL (LAFORME), Erma	193
JAMIESON, Cathie	146
JONATHAN, Casey Lynn	118
KING, Craig P.	223
KING-DALTON, Karen Andrea	106
KING-JAMIESON, Veronica	171
LAFORME, Bill Rodger	124
LAFORME, Burl	115
LAFORME, Julie A.	216
LAFORME, Lewis Adrian	50
LAFORME, Stephanie L.	117
MARACLE, Steven Michael	69
MYKE, Chris	108
SAULT, C. Dale	96
SAULT, Evan	262
SAULT, Sandra A.	withdrew
SAULT, Tony A.	65

Having approved "Trailblazers" the Mississaugas of the 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 and Wellness	Environment & Sustainability, Stewardship for Land, Air, Water, and Natural Resources	Education & Awareness	Cultural Awareness, Communications and Outreach	Infrastructure & Community Development	Inclusive Leadership & Governance
Councillor Bill Rodger LaForme	Councillor Evan Sault	Councillor Cathie Jamieson	Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson	Councillor Erma Ferrell	Councillor Craig King	Councillor Julie Laforme

MCFN 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 hardcopy to:

MCFN Administration Department Pillar Committees Office Clerk

2789 Mississauga Road, R.R. #6 Hagersville, ON NOA 1M0

Swearing In Ceremony - Newly Elected Chief and Council

SWEARING IN OF 2019-2021 COUNCIL OF THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

Historical Facts:

- 1871 -1886 elections were held every three years
- 1886 the Chief was selected from amongst the councillors
- 1888-1951 elections held every year mostly in Sept, some years in October. In 1940 elections took place in December.
- 1951- beginning with this election, the term for Chief and Councillors were extended to 2 yrs. One councillor was added this election making it 5 councillors and 1 chief
- 1953-2011 elections every 2 years
- 1988- Received a letter Jan. 1988 from Indian Affairs stating that Council could run with 9 Councillors. Council requested by BCR to limit the councilors to 7, Minister approved and have been electing 1 chief and 7 councillors to date.

On Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 the 111th seating of Council of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation were sworn in. The newly elected Chief and Council took their oath to serve their community at the Swearing In Ceremony at the MCFN Community Centre and was



MCFN Elder Garry Sault preparing to smudge for the ceremony.

opened by MCFN Elder Garry Sault. Following that, the newly elected Council were given an orientation of MCFN Departments and the services they provide.

Congratulations to Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Councillors Evan Sault, Julie Laforme, Cathie Jamieson, Erma Ferrell, Craig King, William Bill LaForme and Veronica King-Jamieson.



L-R: MCFN Elder Garry Sault, MCFN CEO Kailey Thomson, MCFN Director of Lands, Membership and Research Department Margaret Sault, Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillors Evan Sault, Julie Laforme, Cathie Jamieson, Erma Ferrell, Craig King, William Bill Laforme, Veronica King-Jamieson.

Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Committee, Oct. 21, 2019

YouTube Updates from Chief and Council

Council agreed to the Media and Communications Department Policy on YouTube updates to the community. Recommendation to move forward with tapings beginning November 2019.

Governance – Internal and External Council, Nov. 11, 2019

French Translation of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Council agreed to adopt an official French translation for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as "La Premiere Nation des Mississaugas de Credit."

September 2019 OPP Monthly Incident Report

911 X4: Accidental misdials, police engaged and confirmed no emergency

Alarm: NCVGB – cancelled prior to police attendance

Ambulance Assist: Request for assistance by EMS personnel for a suspected drug overdose

Animal complaint: Concern with neighbour's dogs that chases their child home after getting off the school bus. Officer attended; both dogs were tied up.

Assaults X 2: Persons charged – related to domestic incidents

Bail Violation X 2: Person found to be breaching conditions

Community Services: Caring Together Week event attendance

Domestic/Family Disputes X 5: all minor altercations, custody dispute, intoxicated arguments, breakdown in family communications

Fraud: Email seeking the assistance to purchase iTunes gift card and provide code numbers

Missing Person: Child reported missing; located nearby; Children's Aid Society engaged

Police assistance/Information X 5: Seeking advice and direction from police

Suspicious persons X 2: Male laying in ditch; female seeking ride to grandmother's residence

Suspicious Vehicles X 2: Vehicle pulled into driveway, revving engine and departed. Vehicle parked at NCVGB looking through the windows

Theft: cell phone stolen from residence

Traffic complaints X 4: reports of erratic driving/ possibly impaired and person walking on the road

THE WAY YOU BUY TAX-EXEMPT GAS IS CHANGING

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020

The Ontario Gas Card will be discontinued. Instead, show your Indian Status card to buy



On-reserve retailers will continue to accept your Ontario Gas Card until midnight on January 31, 2020, to help make this transition smoother.

Councillor Erma Ferrell

Pillar Five Lead - Striving to be an Independent and Sovereign People

October & November 2019 – Monthly Report

Councillor, Erma Ferrell

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Meetings attended – Attended all Monday morning Council meetings for October & November 2019.

Special Meetings – Attended the October 18 special council meeting - Attended special strategic plan meetings on October 24 &25.

Attended community meetings for September, October & November 2019.

Massey College

Travelled to Massey College on October 24 & 25 to prepare the Mississauga office for visitors who would be attending the official opening on October 25th. On the evening of October 25th, I accepted the dinner invitation from the Dean at Massey College known as the "High Table". The relationship with Massey College began within the last few years, beginning with the Massey Chapel Royal, the appointment of Chief R. Stacey Laforme as a Senior fellow

NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE (N.R.L.)

November 7, 13 & 15, participated in a conference call and two meetings related to the Niagara Reinforcement Line. The new hydro line became operational in September 2019; transmitting from Allanburg to Caledonia. Our First Nation owns twenty percent of this line, and the first revenue return for the Mississaugas of the Credit will occur in March, 2020 based on our equity investment. The return on our investment will increase our annual interest received from the Toronto Purchase Trust.

Re-opening of the Oakville Tannery Waterworks Park

On November 8, 2019, I attended the re-opening of the Waterworks Tanner Park to represent the Mississaugas of the First Nation's contribution to the Park. The ceremony was for phase two of the



Park, which added the history of our First Nation's history. The territory that received a revitalization. The Park now contains plaques and information on the moccasin identifier.

Veterans Ceremony

On Sunday November 10, 2019, we honoured our Veterans at our annual outdoor ceremony. Thank you to all who arranged the event and as well as those who sang.

Canadian National Exhibition (C.N.E.)

On Saturday November 16, 2019, I attended the appreciation dinner for all the workers who participated in manning our booth at the C.N.E. Thank you to the Cultural and Special Events Coordinator and her assistant for arranging the dinner.

Massey College Visit

In the afternoon on Saturday, November 23, 2019, a large group of visitors were invited to have lunch with us, and listen to presentations from Darin Wybenga and Margaret Sault on our history. The group were taken to our Lloyd S. King Elementary School where a presentation of the mural was provided by Kim Sault. Thank you Kim for sharing your knowledge to our visitors.

Annual Recognition Awards Committee

Thank you to Betty Wybenga, Jamie-Lyn Gillingham and Pat Mandy for their dedication and planning on the annual recognition awards ceremony. Watch for information in our newsletter and our website from Betty, Jamie and Pat in the near future.

Federal Indian Day School Class Action Update

Class Updates

December 19, 2019

Chief Ottawa expresses intent to discontinue appeals

What's Happening

On December 18, Class Counsel received a letter on behalf of Chief Paul-Émile Ottawa from his lawyer. The letter states Chief Ottawa does not intend to challenge the Federal Court of Appeal's dismissal of his first appeal. It also expresses his intent to discontinue his second appeal.

This is a positive step forward for Survivors in allowing the settlement to proceed. Class Counsel is now in communication with the Federal Court on next steps for opening the Claims Process.

What does this mean for submitting a claim?

Class Counsel are confident we can now begin to move on towards implementation however we don't have the official date for when claims can be submitted.

Based on conversations with the Federal Court, Class Counsel anticipates the claims process will open very early in the new year. When the implementation date is announced, the approved Claims Form will be made available. Survivors will then have 2.5 years from the implementation date to submit a claim.

We will update you when the implementation date is confirmed and information on submitting a claim becomes available. Should you have any questions or require support, please feel free to call or email us.

This update taken from the Federal Indian Day School Class Action website at <u>https://indiandayschools.com/</u><u>en/</u>

Please visit their website for further updates.

MCFN Media and Communications Department will also post updates when they become available.

Assembly of First Nations	Assemblée des Premières Nations
December 18, 2019	M.
Subject: Indian Day Schools (McLean) Settlement	Agreement Appeal.
Dear Chiefs,	
As per the mandate outlined in Resolution 114/20 Émile Ottawa, Grand Chief Constant Awashish, an respect, we asked Chief Ottawa to immediately w understood the concerns of the AFN, but was also of his Council "Conseil des Atikamekw de Manawa	d Regional Chief Ghislain Picard. With ithdraw his challenges to the settlement. He clear that he was operating at the direction
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I want to advise you that this afternoon, I receiver Counsel indicating that he has withdrawn his cour Settlement Agreement.	
Based on this information, the compensation pro- implementation date will need to be finalized, wh commence and for Class members to submit clain	ich will allow the compensation process to
If you have any further questions, please direct th information line: 1 (844) 539-3815.	em to Federal Indian Day School Class Action
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18 DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020

ADMINISTRATION

Employment Opportunities

Student Support Worker

To support the delivery of approved curriculum at Lloyd S. King Elementary School, ensuring that the standards are equal to if not exceeding provincial guidelines. The Student Support Worker will treat all students in a fair and equitable manner. To supervise the children in the assigned classroom in accordance with the philosophy of the Lloyd S. King School and provincial and federal legislation and guidelines by ensuring the safety and physical well being of the children, carrying out curriculum on a daily basis and evaluation of the effectiveness of the program in terms of meeting the needs of the children in all stages of development, maintaining regular communication with parents and contributing to the effective operation of the overall child care program while promoting and implementing practices of Anishnabek heritage. To support assigned students with their day to day needs by advocating for, encouraging and assisting pupils with their regular school activities.

Closing Date: Jan. 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Childcare Casual RECE and EarlyON Facilitator

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

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Supply Teacher

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

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

Closing Date: Open Call

After School Program Assistant

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

Closing Date: Open Call for Resumes

Casual Receptionist Updated January 2019

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

Closing Date: Open Call

Casual Registered Early Childhood Educator – Afterschool Program

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

Closing Date: Open Call

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

JANUARY 2020 MCFN

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6	7 Addictions and Mental Health Support Group, SS, 1 – 2 pm Creation Story Sessions, 5 – 8 pm, LSK Library	8 After School Skating, GPA, 4 – 4:50 pm Anishinaabemowin Classes, CC, 5-7 pm Yoga, LSK, 5:30 – 6:30 pm	9 Wellness Clinic Im 9 am – 3 pm New Credit Cancer 5 – 7 pm Naagidowendan g (Taking Care of Ou Ceremony 6 – 8 pr Rd PowWow Practice,
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSULTATION & ACCOMMODATION



December 30, 2019

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council are deeply saddened to learn the passing of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation member Sandy Sault. Sandy, daughter of Doris Sault and late Karl Sault was a long-time employee at MCFN as one of the Field Liaison Representative with the Department of Consultation and Accommodation office.

Sandy had a warm smile and hearty laughs. Community will miss her dearly.

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council send their condolences to the Sault family, relatives and friends at this difficult time.



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Chief and Council Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation 2789 Mississauga Road, R.R. #6 Hagersville, Ontario NOA 1H0



EARLYON PLAY AND LEARN DROP IN



MCFN EarlyON Child and Family Programs

Join us for a fun play filled experience at our Play and Learn Drop-In Centre's



LOCATION: Hagersville Secondary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.		9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION Lloyd S. King Portable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		

All parents and caregivers are welcome with children aged 0-6 years old. Older siblings up to age 12 are welcome to attend with their younger siblings.

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLYON IS A DROP-IN AND PLAY NOT A DROP-OFF!

Follow us on Facebook MCFN EarlyON



EDUCATION



CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The MCFN Pillar 4 Education and Awareness committee is calling for letters of interest from individuals interested in sitting on the MCFN Board of Education.

Mission Statement: To develop and maintain a community driven educational process that ensures the achievement of our vision by enabling all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to be successful in their educational journey. **Scope:** The members of the Board of Education are responsible to ensure all policies and procedures are being met regarding lifelong learning.

The Board of Education is to be made up of seven (7) appointed seats. Letters of interest are invited for the following vacancies:

1. One (1) Youth between the age of 18-29 years who is a MCFN member and enrolled in secondary or Post-Secondary. 2 year term.

Interested individuals must submit a package comprising of:

- A letter of interest (also indicate the area of representation in which you are interested).
- Two letters of reference from individuals who can reflect on the applicant's suitability for the appointment.
- A copy of a recent (within one year) Criminal Reference Check (CPIC) and Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) or copy of a receipt showing application for CPIC/VSS is in process.

Forward Package to:

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

2789 Mississauga Rd

R.R. #6, Hagersville, Ontario NOA 1H0

Re: MCFN Board of Education

Or, by email to: education.director@mncfn.ca

Deadline Date for Submissions: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

MCFN members not meeting above criteria are also encouraged to apply as Pillar 4 Education and Awareness shall appoint an interested MCFN member should they not be successful recruiting a representative as per above.

EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE





The Infants have been busy watching and setting out feeders for our feathered friends. They also had a blast making naan bread pizzas-especially taste testing



The Preschool Room 1 Friends have been enjoying sleigh riding while we have that blast of an early winter



The Preschool Room 3 children have been interested in been independently working on self help skills, they even made fruity smoothie pops

We would like to say Chi Miigwech to Clara London, Eleanor Churchill and the Ladies of The All Saint's Church in Hagersville. They generously donated beautiful handmade hats and mitts for all the children of our Centre.

The JK's have been enjoying going to the Early On Pop Up at the Community Centre on Wednesdays. They are also enjoying sensory play with colours to mix.



EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE





On Wednesday, Dec. 17, Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre held a celebration commemorating their 25th year of operation.

Parents were treated to some delicious cake and a special gift for a rainy day. The photo above is from the first year of operation in 1993-94. A very notable in the photo is Councillor Cathie Jamieson.

Chief Stacey Laforme also stopped in for the celebration and had a quick chat with A/ECC Supervisor Elisa Machida

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Career Fair and Holiday Shopping Expo

MCFN Employment and Training was very busy throughout the month November hosting 2 large annual community events.

The Career Fair was held at the MCFN Community Centre on Nov. 14 and had over 25 vendors participate with many visitors coming through the doors.

Then on Nov. 16. hosted their annual Holiday Shopping Expo which featured many community artisans. This event was well attended as well.

As an added incentive to come visit these events, MCFN Employment and Training were offering a door prize consisting of an Apple Series 6 Watch and was won by Kim Jamieson. Congratulations Kim and Miigwech to Michele King, Employment and Training Coordinator for all her hard work organizing these events. We can't wait until next years!





HOUSING DEPARTMENT



The MCFN Organization has implemented online (debit) payments to alleviate the need to come into the office/s to make payments.

Online Banking information can be obtained through the Public Works Assistant.

For Townline Estates Rental Applications please contact Ryan Thomas at 905-768-1133 or email Ryan.Thomas@ mncfn.ca

For Housing-New & HRRS (Housing/Repair/Renovation/ Sanitation) Applications, please contact Alicia Maracle-Sault at 905-768-1133, ext. 230 or by email at Alicia. Maracle-Sault@mncfn.ca





Chi Miigwech to the MCFN CNE Volunteers

Aanii, the Major Events Committee hosted an appreciation dinner for the CNE volunteers! A short meeting followed to review this years event and collaborate on more ways to educate people on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

• Summary of legislation between 1985 - present As many may be aware, there have been numerous

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changes to the Indian Act regarding entitlement to Indian status. Just to name a few that have made major impacts on First Nations is Bill C-31 (1985), Bill C-3 (2011) & currently Bill S-3 (2017).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 1. Indian Act is the Canadian federal legislation first passed in 1876 setting out certain obligations
- 2. Historical Legislation 1850 1985:

Summary of legislation between 1850 – 1951

- Male lineage

Indian status required a person to be descended from an Indian father

- Marriage

- Women (Indian & non-Indian) automatically took on the status and band membership of the husband
- 1869 Indian women who married non-Indian automatically lost her status

- Foreign residence

Any Indian residing outside of Canada for a period in excess of five years without the department's permission lost his or her band membership

- Enfranchisement

An Indian could apply to enfranchise (give up rights as a status Indian) himself, his wife and any minor children

- Education

- An Indian acquiring a higher education (university degree or entering religious orders) was automatically enfranchised and lost Indian status
- Summary of legislation between 1951 and 1985
 - September 4, 1951, the Indian Register was established and an Indian Registrar appointed. The emphasis on male lineage remained, as did rules by which many lost Indian status

(see chart below)

HISTORY:

BAND MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENT UPDATE

1869 – 1876 Gradual Enfranchisement Act & 1 st Indian Act	1951 Indian Act	Bill C-31 1985	Bill C-3 2011	Bill S-3 2017
Several forms of enfranchisement introduced. Patrilineal rules of descent introduced. Sex-based discrimination. The term 'Indian' was defined.	Creation of the Indian Registrar & the Indian Register. From Band list to central register & management by the federal government	Reinstatement of women who married out & their children. Acquiring status thru marriage stopped. Acquired rights protected. Enfranchisement abolished. Creation of ss.6(1) & 6(2) 2nd generation cut-off Section 10 & 11 174,000 registered	Additional generation descendants of women who were married non- Indian men became entitled. Introduction of the 1951 cut-off 37,000 registered	Immediate changes: In force on Dec 22/17. Descheneaux case: - Cousins - Siblings - Omitted minors - Unknown or unstated parentage Delayed changes: *removal of the 1951 cut-off Other Obligations: - Consultation - Report to Parliament June 12/19

Note: See February 2020 issue for a breakdown of entitlement categories.

Please direct any enquires to:

Lands, Membership & Research Office 2789 Mississauga Road (mailing address) 6 First Line (Office location) HAGERSVILLE, Ontario NOA 1H0 (905) 768-0100



LANDS, MEMBERSHIP, AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

LAND, MEMBERSHIP, AND RESEARCH



GALA EVENING CELEBRATION "FEBRUARY 18, 2020"

Gala Evening celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Historical Gathering and Cultural Series with dinner & entertainment.

HISTORICAL GATHERING: CULTURAL SERIES – "FEBRUARY 19-21, 2020"

A Historical Gathering and Cultural Series, showcasing the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation – their lands, water and people.

This is a free 4-day event! You must fill out a registration form prior to the Historical Gathering; see next page. **Please return completed form(s) by email:** <u>HistoricalGathering@mncfn.ca</u>



Or by fax 905-768-7311. You may also register by calling 905-768-0100, or mail completed forms to Historical Gathering 2789 Mississauga Rd. Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

> REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2020

Please join us! Some speakers Include: Jonathan Ferrier David Smith Paul O'Hara Heidi Bohaker Alan Corbiere Donald Smith George Vanderburgh Matthew Wilkinson and more!

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GALA: CARMEN'S BANQUET CENTER

1520 Stone Church Rd. East Hamilton, Ontario L8W 3P9

www.carmens.com

MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE

659 New Credit Road Hagersville, Ontario N0A1H0

www.mncfn.ca

Contact for Info: (905) 768-0100

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Wills & **Substitute Decision** Maker (SDM)

January 21, 2020 2 sessions available

All are welcome to attend this free event hosted by MCFN Lands, Membership and **Research Department.**

Learn about making a Will and about a Substitute Decision Maker (SDM)

What is a Substitute **Decision Maker?** The term used in Ontario law for the person who would make health and personal care decisions on your behalf when you are unable to do so is "Substitute Decision Maker" (SDM).



If you would like further information, please contact Margaret Sault at 905-768-0100 or by email at Margaret.Sault@mncfn.ca



LANDS, MEMBERSHIP, AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

SESSION ONE

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **MCFN Community Centre Boardroom** Lunch provided

SESSION TWO

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **MCFN Community Centre Boardroom** Supper provided

REMINDER:

The Media and Communication Department offers the following **FREE OF CHARGE:**

Free classifieds

Free business page listing

If you wish to proceed with this opportunity, please contact

Jacquelyne Martin, Media and **Community Coordinator**

905-768-5858 or by email jacquelyne. martin@mncfn.ca

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Unveils New Logo

Aanii! We are now moving forward with a new logo with the word "new" taken out of the logo! As many of you are aware, we reverted back to using our original name, "Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation" in January 2019.

The logo had remained unchanged until this time. We are now moving forward with the use of a logo that properly reflects the name of our community.

The process of changing the logo will be A phased-in approach to retroactively change logos on documents and branding that we currently have. As you will notice, the Eaglepress Newsletter now has the new logo on it.

It will be changed everywhere moving forward - our social media pages, our Web site, our letterhead and all of our promotional items. Permanent sign installations will take some time to change and we appreciate your understanding and patience as we roll out the new logo.



ONTARIO WORKS









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TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FUNDING

CRITERIA:

- Must be in receipt of social assistance (Ontario Works/ **Ontario Disability Support Program) or be considered low** income.
- Must reside in the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations **Community**



Transitional Support Funding provides housing related supports to secure, retain/and or maintain accommodation. You must complete an application.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact Lindsay Sault, at 905-768-1181, ext. 225



PUBLIC WORKS

MCFN Watermain Expansion Project – Consent to Participate

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) watermain expansion is moving into the construction stage. Avertex Utility Solutions Inc. has been selected as the contractor to undertake the construction. As part of this project, your home will be connected to a watermain over the next few months and we require your consent and cooperation for the following activities:

1) OZA Inspections Ltd. will be performing a condition survey of your property pre and post construction. This is important in the unlikely event that an issue arises during construction. The inspection involves an interior and/or exterior assessment of the work area and home. Photographs and/or videos will be taken as

part of the survey. All information collected will be kept strictly confidential. This is a mandatory requirement for a connection to the watermain. To arrange the survey, please call or email OZA Inspections at 1-800-667-8263 extension 231 (Toll Free) or email: appt@ozainspections.com.

Please indicate your name, address, telephone number and refer to File: 19767. Please advise if the building exterior can be inspected at any time.

2) Avertex Utility Solutions Inc. will contact you at a later stage to schedule the service connection to your home. The service connection will involve excavation on your property and excavation/plumbing work inside your residence. You will be provided a minimum of one week's notice prior to the connection date. During the installation, water supply to your home might be interrupted. Bottled water will be provided for potable uses during such time.

3) If you agree to be connected to the watermain, your existing well will be decommissioned in order to prevent any future contamination to the aquifer. Cisterns will only be disconnected in

place. This is a mandatory requirement.

This consent for all homeowner's anticipating connecting to the Watermain along Tuscarora Road, Second Line Road and Cayuga Road MUST BE SIGNED. You may contact the Public Works office to arrange pick up of the consent form, or you may visit our website for the form at this link http://mncfn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019-12-06-MCFN-Final-Consent-Form..pdf

For any questions related to this project, please contact Arland LaForme, Director of Public Works, Mississaugasof the Credit First Nation at 905-768-1133 Ext. 238 or arland.laforme@mncfn.ca



SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES								
JANUARY HOME COMMUNITY CARE CALENDAR								
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13	14 Craft Day	15 LIST SHOP	16	17 EUCHRE	18			
20	21	22 LIST SHOP	23	24 EUCHRE	25			
27	28 SOCIAL	29 LIST SHOP	30	31 EUCHRE				

Nogadoowendmaada gidibinoojiimnaanig (Help us take care of the Children) Tuesday, January 28, 2020 5:00pm-7:00pm MCFN Community Centre

Join us for an evening to hear about some experiences in fostering MCFN children and learn how you can help. We need foster homes, adoption homes, visit supervisors and drivers to help our children keep the connection with the community. We have invited Brant Family and Children Services to answer any questions you may have.



SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Traditional Native Medicine Talk Thursday, January 23, 2020

MCFN Community Centre 659 New Credit Road, Hagersville, ON Building #4

ABOUT JONATHAN FERRIER

Jonathan Ferrierr, PhD, BSc, BA, is an Anishinaabe scientist and Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University.

Jonathan will be the keynote speaker for the evening, sharing his knowledge of Traditional Native medicines that help with addiction ie: nicotine dependence and those that help aid in the prevention and treatment of cancer and diabetes. He will also be sharing some of his teachings and stories on the use of Traditional Tobacco.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Laura-Lee Kelly, Community Health Representative 905-768-0141 ext. 241 or lauralee.kelly@mncfn.ca

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Traditional Meal served 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker

This free event is open to all community members. Meal provided and registration will be required for catering puroses

DOOR PRIZES!

BRING YOUR FEAST BUNDLES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Service Canada Information Sessions Every 4th Thursday of each month starting Jan. 23, 2020





Employment Opportunity Available



a Mississauga Nation Coordinator Liaison for the Mississauga First Nation for Mississauga Nation activities. Deadline to apply: Jan. 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please visit our job board at http://mncfn.ca/ job-board/ WELLNESS CLINIC - IMMUNIZATIONS

EVERY THURSDAY (CALL TO SET UP APPOINTMENT TIME)

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES 659-2 NEW CREDIT ROAD

THERE IS NO COST. PLEASE BRING YOUR CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD IF AVAILABLE.

For any further information or call to set up a time to come in to receive immunization, please contact Maggie or Janice at 905-768-0141

JPCOMING EVENTS

FEMPOWER GROUP

Thursday, Jan[.] 16, 2020 - Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:30 p[.]m[.] - 2:00 p[.]m[.] MCFN Social and Health Services Gathering Place



This program is for moms to kick-start empowered parenting, improve self care, and self esteem SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND CONNECTION If childcare is required, please call by 4:30 the Wednesday before LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED!

If you require information, please contact Pat Jamieson or Michelle LaForme at MCFN Social and Health Services at 905-768-1181.

ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP



Every other Tuesday starting January 7, 2020 to March 19, 2020 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. MCFN Social and Health Services Little Turtle Room

This program is open to all who are seeking a support group in addictions and mental health wellbeing. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Please call to register a week before each Tuesday for food and supplies purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Erin or Michelle at 905-768-1181, ext. 242 or 224

UPCOMING EVENTS



Breastfeeding Support Group

The group will be resume Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm at Social & Health Services. Please contact Laura Lee, CHR; Beth, HBHC if you require assistance or if you have questions at 905-768-1181.



Men's Program will commence every Wednesday evening starting January 15, 2020 to March 4, 2020 from 6 - 8 pm at the MCFN Social and Health Services buildling, Gathering Place, 659 New Credit Road, Hagersville, ON.

EVERYONE WELCOME



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The Women's Sharing Time have commenced with programming and the program will run from Jan 13 - March 2, 2020, 2019 from 6 - 9 pm at the MCFN Social and Health Services building, lower level.

Child care can be provided, but please contact Pat Jamieson at 905-768-1181 before noon on the day of Women's Sharing Time.



5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lloyd S. King Elementary Yoga has started and is being held at Lloyd S. King Elementary School every Wednesday evening from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Drop in!



Everyone is welcome to come join MCFN Community Support for After School Skating! Please bring your skates, helmet and gloves. Snack Provided. EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET TO STEP ON THE ICE.

If you require further information, please contact Shelly, Jesse, or Angela at Community Support 905-768-1181

New Credit Cancer Support Group

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 & 23, 2020 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. MCFN Social & Health Services building The Gathering Place

It is the intent of the group to gather and distribute resources for all types of cancer, serve as a repository of information for individuals and their families, organize and deliver pertinent workshops and guest speakers, organize and host fundraisers, organize outings/tours/off-site activities, share stories and experience, provide positive group support for individuals and families.

DROP IN ON THESE DATES AND TIMES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE GROUP.

Light refreshments provided.

IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LAURA-LEE KELLY AT MCFN COMMUNITY HEALTH 905-768-0141, EXT. 241 OR EMAIL LAURALEE.KELLY@MNCFN.CA

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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MCFN Youth Member Hanna Sault-Hartwick Recipient of the Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport



2019 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport, Interior Regional Recipients. (L-R): Jade Wynne, Hanna Sault-Hartwick, Jonathan Fraser-Monroe, Connor Kaboni, Kanani Coon.

Six Outstanding Indigenous Athletes Receive Prestigious Award

Merritt, BC (November 4, 2019) – The 2019 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport were presented last night to six outstanding Indigenous youth athletes from British Columbia's Interior Region. The Regional Awards were presented during a formal celebration held at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, BC. The Interior is the third of the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council's (I-SPARC) six regions to honour Indigenous athletes through this unique province-wide awards program.

I-SPARC, in collaboration with the Province of British Columbia, launched the regional nomination process in August 2019, receiving close to 130 nominations from across the province for Indigenous athletes under 25 years of age who are competing in performance sport and committed to living healthy, active lifestyles.

A total of 36 recipients were chosen within I-SPARC's six regions – Fraser, Interior, Northeast, Northwest, Vancouver Coastal, and Vancouver Island.

Receive The 2019 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport – Interior Regional Recipients

> Hanna Sault-Hartwick, age 16, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

> Jade Wynne, age 13, Karate (Kumite), Nlaka'pamux Nation

Kanani Coon, age 14, Basketball, Enoch Cree Nation

Connor Kaboni, age 16, Lacrosse, Nipissing First Nation

Emma Guertin, age 17, Trampoline Gymnastics, Sprint Kayak, Métis Nation BC

Jonathan Fraser-Monroe, age 15, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Tla-Amin Nation

Article reprint from https://isparc.ca/six-outstandingyouth-receive-prestigious-award-in-merritt/

On behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, we extend our congratulations to Hanna on her outstanding achievements this past year.

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Obituaries

Marvin LaForme Sr.

Peacefully surrounded by family and friends the Stedman at Community Hospice, Brantford on Friday November 8, 2019 at the age of 78 years. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Loving father of Charlene (Duane), Marvin Jr. (Dawn), Burl (Denise), Arlie (Jenny), and Kassie.



Dear grandpa of Hannah, Tamara (Dave), Jordan, Nicholas, Nathaniel, Josiah, Joseph, and Seth. Dear great grandpa of Helen, Catherine, Allison, Benjiman, and Julianna. Brother of Velma (George). Loving stepfather of Michael, Darren (Kim), and Kevin (Cynthia). Dear papa of Bailey, Carleigh, Rileigh, Danny, and Christopher. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Peter & Ruth (Brant) LaForme and siblings, Delma, Edith, Carson, Hazel, Cameron, and Gene. Marvin had a great passion and love for music and animals. Burial was held at Medina Baptist Church on Monday November 11, 2019. www. rhbanderson.com



The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council are saddened to learn of the passing of former Councillor Marvin LaForme.

He served his community for over 17 years as a Councillor.

He will be remembered for his great service to the community, not only in his role as a Councillor, but as a tireless volunteer who worked very hard for the betterment of the community. His musical talent was also greatly appreciated by the community. His music provided great joy to all of us.

Marvin will be greatly missed by everyone in the community.

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council extends our sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to Marvin's family and friends during this difficult time.

On behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council



Sandra Annette Sault

Peacefully at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe with family by her side on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the age of 51 years. Beloved daughter of Doris and the late Karl Sault. Loving sister of Robert



(Judi), Wayne (Norah), Ralph, and Dianne. Dear Auntie to Casey, Kris, Blake, Seneca, Stevie and Ashley. Stepmother to Tina and Susie (Mark). Step-grandmother to Lucas, Isaac, and Christian. Special friend to Toni. Also will be missed by her great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. The family will honoured her life with visitation at Hyde & Mott Chapel, R.H.B. Anderson Funeral Homes Ltd., 60 Main St. S. where service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 1 p.m. Cremation followed. www.rhbanderson.com



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