



EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

MCFN announces partnership with Rogers to bring high-speed internet to the community



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), niigaabminunkiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).

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

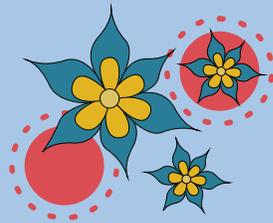
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Eaglepress Newsletter

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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Chief R. Stacey Laforme

I want to thank everyone for doing their part to ensure our Nation is as safe as possible during these challenging times.

Many thanks to the COVID-19 Working Group, MCFN staff, and the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit for helping make our Vaccine Clinics a success.



We cannot stress enough how important it is to continue to follow public health guidelines and to do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. It is important to note that this still applies to you even if you have received both doses of the Vaccine. MCFN Chief and Council have implemented enhanced COVID-19 precautions within our First Nation which can be found in our weekly COVID-19 update that is now being mailed out to families, and always available on our website and social media.

Indigenous Peoples Month

Indigenous Peoples Day or Month is a chance to raise awareness of the history of the land, your history, all of our history whether you arrived here today or been here forever. It is the opportunity to learn and engage, it is important to Indigenous people as we have history that needs to be learned and understood. It is important to non-indigenous people as well, because it can be difficult to ask questions. No one wants to say the wrong thing, or hurt someone's feelings. This should be a time where we give permission to ask difficult questions and to talk in a safe environment. To learn without judgement. Yes it is a time to celebrate, but also a time to talk about the good the bad, and the ugly.

I want to share with you a poem I wrote called "Who I am."

It can be buried

It can be hidden, I may even be the one hiding it

But who I am can never be lost, who I am can never be stolen

You can take my culture, deny my language, push me from the land,

Dress me up as you, force me to speak your tongue, torture the Indian out of me

Force me to bend knee in church

But who I am can never be lost or stolen

My ancestors see me, protect me, call to me

Remember who you are, remember why you are

Reclaim the tools of our people

Walk in pride no matter the circumstance of life

We see you for who you are, and you can never be someone you are not

Pretend if you must, yet no hand no fist no gun no weapon can ever unmake you

So I pick up my drum, practice my language, reclaiming what assists me

But it does not matter what I wear, where in life I walk, or where I live

For who I am is always who I am

You can deny me my people, even end my life

Yet when I leave this world, who I am goes with me
I and those who have gone before will watch over you
Because who I am is who you are

Kamloops, BC

Please be advised before reading: the following paragraph has sensitive information regarding residential schools.

We wrote a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau calling for the flags to be lowered and to declare a national day of mourning for the mass grave of 215 children found at a former Residential School site in Kamloops, BC. We also reached out to every local mayor, including Mayor John Tory, and they all agreed. Trudeau announced on May 30th that all of the flags on the Federal buildings would be lowered. While this is just a small step, first and foremost we have to show love and respect to those children, the many more, and their families. I wish to share another poem I wrote about this news called "**Reconciliation**"

I sit here crying
I don't know why
I didn't know the children
I didn't know the parents
But I knew their spirit
I knew their love
I know their loss
I know their potential
And I am overwhelmed
By the pain and the hurt
The pain of the families and friends
The pain of an entire people
Unable to protect them, to help them
To comfort them, to love them
I did not know them
But the pain is so real, so personal
I feel it in my core, my heart, my spirit
I sit here crying and I am not ashamed
I will cry for them, and the many others like them
I will cry for you, I will cry for me
I'll cry for the what could have been
Then I will calm myself, smudge myself, offer prayers
And know they are no longer in pain
No longer do they hurt, they are at peace
In time I will tell their story, I will educate society
So their memory is not lost to this world
And when I am asked
what does reconciliation mean to me
I will say I want their lives back
I want them to live, to soar
I want to hear their laughter
See their smiles
Give me that
And I'll grant you reconciliation
R. Stacey Laforme

If you require support the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for former Residential School students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling 24-Hour National Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

By Darin Wybenga, New Credit Public Library

Most people really don't care for Mondays, but the morning of April 12, 1847, would prove to be an auspicious occasion in the life of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Chiefs Peter Jones and Joseph Sawyer had arrived back at the Credit River Mission Village from a meeting with the Chiefs of the Six Nations of the Grand. The Chiefs of the Grand had heard that the Mississaugas at the Credit River were soon to be homeless as their lands at the Credit River Mission were soon to be sold at public auction. Remembering that the Mississaugas had once helped the Six Nations when they found themselves in a state of homelessness after the American Revolution; the Grand River Chiefs sought to return the favour and offer a new home to the Credit River people. The meeting between the Mississaugas and Six Nations Chiefs took place on April 7 and 8, 1847, and by the time the meeting was adjourned, Sawyer and Jones had an invitation for the people of the Credit to take up lands among the Six Nations. Returning to the Mission Village, Jones and Sawyer had to determine the will of the Mississaugas in regard to the invitation. The results of a general council of the Mississaugas were reported to the Indian agent in the letter below:

Port Credit, April 12th, 1847

Sir,

We beg leave to inform you that we have just returned from the Grand River where we attended a general Council of the Six Nations of Indians, and we are happy to state that the Chiefs then assembled unanimously and very cordially invited our Tribe to share freely with them in their Reservation of lands on the Grand River. They based their liberality & good feeling on account of the ancient Treaties of friendship made between them and our forefathers, and the fact of their having received their Grand River Lands from our forefathers without any remuneration.

This morning we held a Council with our people and submitted the kind offer of the Six Nations to them, and we are glad to inform you that a large majority agreed to accept of the same. We therefore humbly beg you will have the goodness to inform our Great Father the Governor general, that with His Lordships permission we would be glad to go and settle on the Grand River lands, and we earnestly hope His Lordship will allow us to do so. Ass our tribe are anxious to remove as soon as possible in order to enable them to plant this spring, we shall be glad to receive an early reply.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Joseph Sawyer

Peter Jones

Chiefs,

To:-

T.G. Anderson, Esq.

I.I.A. &c. &c.

Toronto

In the meantime, while waiting upon the Governor-General's approval for their relocation, Chief Sawyer and several men of the Credit scouted out lands suitable for their new settlement. Selecting 4800 acres of the southernmost parts of the Six Nations' lands, the Mississaugas would move to their new homes in early May, 1847. **Happy 174th Birthday New Credit!**

Aambe Zhaabwiitoo'daa - Let's Save It,
Anishinaabemowin Language Classes

Every Wednesday Online Zoom
Starting JAN. 6, 2021 to JUNE 23, 2021
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you require further information, please contact
Jai King-Green by email at
jai.king-green@mncfn.ca,
or by calling
905-768-1133 ext 232

Open to all!

Now is a perfect opportunity to learn our Anishinaabemowin Language!
This is a free class open to all both on and off reserve.

Last class June 23, 2021

MCFN ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH ROGERS



We are happy to announce Rogers will invest \$1.4 million in expanding its fibre network to deliver “fibre-to-the-home technology” to over 275 homes and businesses in the community, across 30 square kilometres.

Chief Stacey Laforme says First Nations often get left behind when it comes to such services and the COVID-19 pandemic has made the need for reliable internet more clear.

“It’s always been a challenge having internet connection out here, but we’ve really noticed it because the children rely on it to go to school,” he told CityNews. “The pandemic has really shown us the need for that connectivity.”

Chief Laforme said like thousands of others, the MCFN community needs to stay connected via virtual tools like Zoom to maintain both personal and professional connections.

“It absolutely is [a necessity.] It’s essential not only for business, but we have arts and artists that need to connect and be involved in their business and they’re showcasing what they can do [online],” he said. “We have interactions with each other and families that need to occur during the pandemic, so this is really, really important for us.”

Rogers will work with local contractors to build the network and will continue to explore ways in which it can help the community’s economic growth.

Say ***Aanii*** to fast
and reliable internet.



Illustrations by Patrick Hunter Art

Rogers, in partnership with MCFN, is proud to bring its fibre-powered network to the entire community by 2022.



POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE

Councillor Julie LaForme, Pillar 7 Lead, Inclusive Leadership and Governance

Aanii,

As the Pillar Lead for Inclusive Leadership and Governance I sit on the following sub committees that meet monthly: MCFN Constitution, Peacekeepers, and Land Claims. As well, our Governance Committee continues to meet monthly.

I am happy to announce that Chief and Council has approved a Governance department! We have appointed a new Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs: Katelyn LaForme. Currently we have a Governance Coordinator, a Governance Communications and Engagement Lead, and are looking to recruit more people for the department. I want to inform you of upcoming Governance Engagement sessions (which are also advertised in this newsletter, our social media, and website.)

June 12th at 12:00 pm – MCFN Constitution

June 30th at 6:30 pm – MCFN Constitution

In July we will be doing sessions on our new electronic voting system: OneFeather, and the Election Law. Dates TBD.

So far we have done two introductions to our Governance Work, an Approval Law session, a Peacekeepers Session, an Election Law session, and two Land Claims sessions! You can watch them all on our Members Only website.

To register for these sessions, or if you have any questions you can email Georgia LaForme, our Governance Communications and Engagement Lead, at Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca

When you attend these sessions you are entered to win a \$25 gift card, and later on we will be doing a draw for an iPad for anyone who has attended 5+ sessions! Currently people who have already been entered are: Tanya and Hazel LaForme, Carly Szabo, Bryan Henry, and Rebecca Sault!

A big thank you to all our members who come out and participate in these sessions!

Sub-Committee updates:

Constitution:

Our Constitution Sub-Committee consists of myself, retired Justice Harry LaForme, Margaret Sault, and two youth members: Austin Sault and Rochelle King. We are almost finished our first draft of the MCFN Constitution, which will then go to Chief and Council for review. Then, we will require Members' input before finalizing and holding a ratification vote.

Peacekeepers:

Our Peacekeepers Sub-Committee consists of myself, Katelyn LaForme, Councillor Evan Sault, Chief Laforme, Kerri King, and Caitlin Beresford. We are looking at expanding our Sub-Committee, and hiring a Peacekeepers Coordinator. Currently we are working on the framework and objectives of the program.

Land Claims

Our Land Claims Committee consists of myself, Councillor Cathie Jamieson, Katelyn LaForme, Margaret Sault, and when required: Chief Laforme, Georgia LaForme, Caitlin Beresford (legal), Kim Fullerton (legal). Our Land Claims Committee has shared a full-page update of outstanding Claims, they can be reviewed in the March / April Newsletter, and on our Members Only website.

We continue to meet formally with Canada every 4-6 weeks, as part of RIRSD (Governance) Table. Because of our RIRSD Table, MCFN, Specific Claims, and Special Claims (Claims of a Third Kind), are working together, in a unique process, to try and better resolve MCFN's claims in a timely manner. Our team internally meets monthly to work on Claims, but also on other land and water related matters.

Miigwech, stay safe.

Councillor Julie LaForme

Aanii Members of the Missisaugas of the Credit First Nation,

We would like to inform you of a series of Governance Engagement Meetings happening throughout 2021. We encourage you to attend these sessions to learn about with the new, and exciting self-Governance initiatives that MCFN has taken on. As well to make sure your voice is heard we move forward in this important work. We would like to hear from you in order to make the best decisions for our community.

Topics that will be discussed include, but are not limited to: Peacekeepers, MCFN Constitution, Election Law, Approval Law, Administrative Tribunal.

The upcoming sessions are as follows:

June 12th 2021 at 12:00 pm ET- MCFN Consitution

June 30th 2021 at 6:30 pm ET - MCFN Constitution

July - OneFeather electronic voting - Date TBD

July- Election Law - Date TBD

These meetings will be online via Zoom. These meetings will be recorded and shared to the MCFN Members Only website, for those unable to attend. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, or if you have any questions please contact our Governance Communications and Engagement Lead, Georgia LaForme at Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca You can also find more details about MCFN Governance on our website at <http://mncfn.ca/mcfn-members-only>

Councilor Erma Ferrell, Pillar 5 Lead, Cultural Awareness, Communications, and Outreach



MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Meetings Attended: I have attended all weekly Council meetings (7 in total), since my last report and attended all special Council meetings. I have participated in 30 other meetings, all hosted via zoom video/call in. Some meetings last from thirty minutes to three hours. The meetings vary from fibre optics, First Parliament Site in Toronto, Land Acknowledgements, Culture & Design, Indigenous Advisory Programing, Anti – Black Racism, and Pillar #5 and Artifacts.

Due to limited space for Council reports I will provide an update on three projects.

Indigenous Programming Advisory Committee

It has been one year since the Indigenous Programming Advisory Committee began meeting virtually in May 2020. The Committee meets every third month and the sub- committee (which I am a member of) meeting has met at least twice a month since May 2020. Our purpose is to provide input on existing programming provided in ten Museums in Toronto.

The Indigenous Programming Advisory Committee, have been instrumental suggesting changes in the presentation at the Museums to have more First Nation content. We have also advised to expand the programming to be more interactive and in some instances when school children tour the Museums, there is something tangible for the students to take home with them; ie: craft presentation.

Culture and Design Committee

The members of the Culture and Design Committee were appointed in October 2020. The purpose of the committee is to review all requests to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), for outside sources who are requesting information on the MCFN history, culture and traditions. The task of the members is to: assign the request to a department within the MCFN administration, to a Council Pillar Lead or to contact a Member of the MCFN. Currently special meetings are being held with Elders and Knowledge Keepers with our Membership, to obtain valuable information on how the Culture and Design Committee can address the requests from outside sources.

Artifacts

Since November 2019, a small group has been reviewing requests for the Mississaugas of the Credit (MCFN) to receive and house Artifacts, found within the Treaty and Traditional Lands of the MCFN.

A committee was formally appointed by the MCFN Chief & Council, and most recently a resource person has joined the committee to provide direction and professional information. The resource person was brought into the committee based on their academic training and their work experience in the field of Artifacts. The committee welcome Audrey Rochette to provide direction

and help to complete a framework on how the MCFN can address the housing of the Artifacts that are being located in our Treaty & Traditional Lands.

JUNE EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Foot Care Water Collection	Foot Care	Foot Care HB/HC Gift Card P/U Food Bank	Foot Care Mental Health Day-Off	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Breakfast Delivery 12-3 PM	HB/HC Gift Card P/U Women's Group Craft P/U 3-4:30 @ SH	Craft Delivery Water Collection	Focused Intention Technique (FIT WKSP) 10am -2:00pm	HB/HC Gift Card P/U Food Bank	Immunization Focused Intention Technique (FIT WKSP) 10am -2:00pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Breakfast Delivery 12-3 PM	HB/HC Gift Card P/U Women's Group Craft P/U 3-4:30 @ SH	Strawberry Picking Voucher 9-5 @ SH Water Collection Focused Intention Technique (FIT WKSP)		Strawberry Picking (if permitted) HB/HC Gift Card P/U Food Bank	Father's Day Kit P/U 1-5 @ SH Immunization	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Breakfast Delivery 12-3 PM	Indigenous Day Kit P/U 10-1 @ SH HOLIDAY NO Meals on Wheels	Water Collection Women's Group Craft P/U 3-4:30 @ SH		HB/HC Gift Card P/U Food Bank	Immunization	
27	28	29	30			
Breakfast Delivery 12-3 PM (LAST ONE)	Time Capsule Kit P/U 9-5 @ SH HB/HC Gift Card P/U Women's Group Craft P/U 3-4:30 @ SH Day Camp Registration 9-4pm Parents text Shelly@ 905-536-9864	Meal Delivery Water Collection Day Camp Registration 9-4pm Parents text Shelly @ 905-536-9864				





Statement from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation On COVID-19 June 1st, 2021

Kamloops Residential School Discovery

As everyone is aware, a heart-wrenching discovery was made at a former residential school in British Columbia. The bodies of 215 Indigenous children were found, some as young as 3 years old. As First Nations across the country struggle with their grief, Chief and Council are very aware that these are extenuating circumstances, where our Members need to be amongst one another.

As such, a Jingle Dress Healing Ceremony is being organized for the evening of June 7th. This socially distanced event will take place behind the main administration area. More info will follow. All COVID protocols will be in effect for this MCFN community event.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of these children, as well as all those who continue to struggle with the impacts of these schools. If you require further supports at this time, please reach out to the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-hour hotline at 1-866-925-4419.

COVID Update

At this time, we have 0 active cases of COVID-19 in the community. 28 total have been resolved, with 1 death. 60% of our community has received the COVID Vaccine.

Vaccine Clinic

We are moving forward with another Vaccine Clinic on June 11th. This clinic will be for all MCFN Members and community members ages 12 and up. Members age 12-15 must be accompanied by a parent (parental consent will be required for this group). Mental health workers will be on site for the duration of the clinic. We will provide fruit and juice boxes after the vaccine is administered, but it is recommended your child eats first.

All Members are encouraged to forward their questions and concerns to the vaccine email at vaccine@mncfn.ca. Please provide your contact info, phone number and email address. Community Health will follow up with you.

In order to ensure we have ample time to schedule appointments, registration will be closed as of 4:30pm on June 9th.

Please note, if you have received the Vaccine, you still must follow public health measures, which includes social distancing, masking, handwashing and staying within your own social bubble.

Precautions

Following the Province's "Stay at Home Order" in effect until June 2nd, the MCFN Chief and Council have implemented enhanced COVID-19 precautions within our First Nation. The following safety measures are in place for the MCFN:

- Indoor organized public events and social gatherings outside of your household are not allowed,
- Outdoor gatherings outside of your household are not allowed;
- Playgrounds and recreational facilities in our community will remain open, but please ensure you take all Public Health guidance, as these structures are NOT sanitized;
- Restaurants are limited to takeout services only;
- Fitness and recreation facilities are closed. Virtual classes are permitted;
- Funerals and religious services, rites or ceremonies must abide by the following:
 - physical distancing must be maintained;
 - guests must wear masks or face coverings;
 - capacity limits: 10 people indoors or outdoors;
 - drive-in services, rites or ceremonies permitted with COVID-19 precautions in place;
 - virtual services permitted.

Council is permitting OPP to answer reports of violations of any of the above precautions in place. Please note, MCFN will be moving forward with loosening restrictions on or around June 14th, in line with Step One of the Province's Roadmap to Recovery. More information will be forthcoming.

Safety Measures

Please continue to take extra measures to prevent COVID-19 and the Variants of Concern from spreading in our community. This includes:

- Double masking, or wearing a single mask and a face shield;
- Taking trips are only those of an essential nature only, that being groceries, pharmacy and if necessary, to work;
- Practicing physical distancing of 2-metres when out of your home to get essential supplies;
- Continuing to wash your hands, and practice good hygiene.

MCFN Organizational Lockdown Extension

As a means of being proactive and keeping the staff, the organization and the community safe, Council has approved that MCFN will remain in operational services until August 30th, 2021. During this period, please note the following:

- External contractors will be permitted within MCFN buildings only with the approval of the Chief Operating Officer or designate;
- Necessary Social Health Services programming will continue, with enhanced COVID-19 precautions in place;
- All in-person programming will be cancelled for the duration of the lockdown and virtual programming will take place whenever possible;
- LMR will be deemed essential for Community Wellness applications and on-reserve status cards;
- Payments to MCFN will continue to be made online or mailed in.

All offices will be manned by a Receptionist between the hours of 8:30 – 4:30. Please note, the phones will go to voice mail during the lunch period of 12:00-1:00.

COVID-19

If you require emergency assistance at this time relating to Social and Health Programs, you can contact their land line at 905-768-1181, and leave a voice mail at the applicable extension of the relevant party.

If you require emergency Administrative support, please contact Kerri L. King, Acting Chief Operating Officer / Executive Director of Operations at 289-527-0364.

Mental Health Supports

We understand the mental health impacts the on-going pandemic can have on our youth, and all of our members and we want you to know we are here for you.

Please see resources below:

- MCFN Mental Health Worker Faith Rivers: Faith.Rivers@mncfn.ca or 905-536-7863
- Haldimand Norfolk Reach Services: 519-587-2441 x 350
- Six Nations Crisis Line: 1-866-445-2204
- First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868, or text 686868
- Ontario Mental Health Help Line: 1-866-531-2600

Testing

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we are encouraging you to get tested. The results can be delivered to you in as quick as 24 hours.

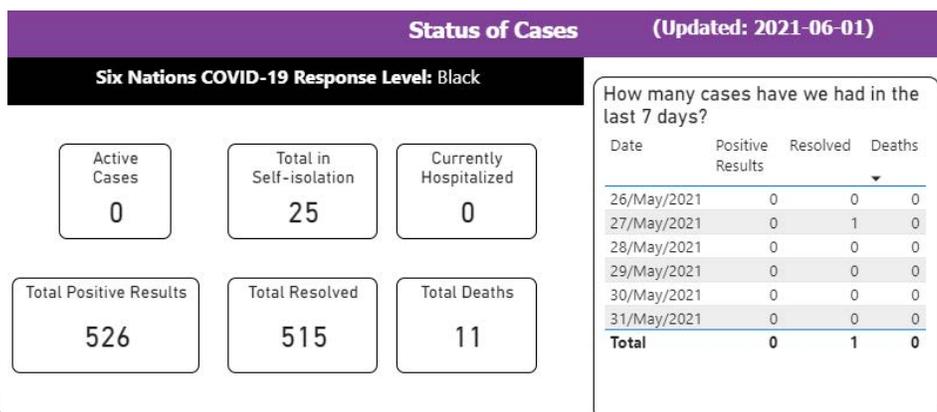
Please contact the following Public Health Offices and follow their instructions:

- Haldimand Norfolk Public Health – 519-426-6170, ext. 9999
- Six Nations COVID-19 Assessment Centre – 1-855-977-7737 or 226-446-9909
- Brant County Public Health – 519-751-5818 or at covid.assessment@bchsys.org

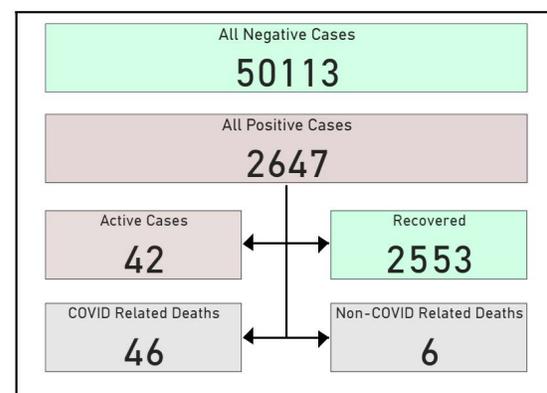
Please note, the MCFN Community Health Office is not a Public Health Office, although it does assist with contact tracing and wellness checks for those who reside on MCFN.

The MCFN Chief and Council are responsible for making decisions that impact the Membership. If you have any concerns, please contact any member of the table.

Six Nations cases:



Haldimand-Norfolk cases:



UPDATE FROM SERVICE CANADA
INCREASE TO NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR
THE CANADA RECOVERY BENEFITS AND
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REGULAR BENEFITS

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada has strongly urged Canadians to stay home to stop the spread of COVID-19. As Canadians continue to make difficult but important sacrifices for their health and their communities, the Government of Canada has been there to support individuals and their families every step of the way, including through the creation of recovery benefits and a more flexible and accessible Employment Insurance (EI) program.

Recent EI legislative and regulatory amendments allow for an increase to the number of weeks of benefits available under the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB), the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) and EI regular benefits.

As of March 17, 2021, the following changes have come into effect:

- An increase to the number of weeks available under the CRB and the CRCB by 12 weeks, extending the maximum duration of the benefits from the current 26 weeks, to up to 38 weeks;
- An increase to the number of weeks available under the CRSB from the current 2 weeks to 4 weeks; and
- An increase to the number of weeks of EI regular benefits available by up to 24 weeks, to a maximum of 50 weeks, for claims that are made between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

In addition to increasing the maximum number of weeks available to workers under the EI program, self-employed workers who have opted-in to the EI program to access special benefits, are able to use a 2020 earnings threshold of \$5,000, compared to the previous threshold of \$7,555. This change is retroactive to claims established as of January 3, 2021, and apply until September 25, 2021.

To ensure employees in the federally regulated private sector can access the additional weeks of CRCB and CRSB without the risk of losing their jobs, the maximum length of leave related to COVID-19 under the *Canada Labour Code* (the Code) has also been extended. Job-protected leave under the Code has increased complementary to the additional weeks available under the CRCB and CRSB, from 26 weeks to a maximum of 38 weeks of leave for caregiving-related reasons due to COVID-19, and from 2 weeks to a maximum of 4 weeks of leave for sickness-related reasons due to COVID-19.

Additional changes that were included under the legislation with respect to EI eligibility for international travellers have also come into effect.

For information on the Canada Recovery Benefits and EI benefits, please visit the following COVID-19 Benefits and Services webpage at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/covid19-emergency-benefits.html>.



Canada.ca

General Information: 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)

Employment Insurance Call Centre: 1-800-206-7218

Service
Canada

Employment Opportunities

Community Consultation/Lands and Membership Officer

Closing Date: June 3, 2021 @ 12:00 PM

To provide consultation with community members and Chief and Council, lands and membership services to community members within the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN);

To assist with the development of policies and laws as identified by Council or external bodies;

To ensure proper adherence to policies and By-laws as identified by Council or external bodies;

To ensure the protection and effective recording of the Members' individual rights; To ensure the optimal use of the First Nation's land for the benefit of the First Nation and its Members.

Human Resource Manager

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

To assist in the administration of effective, efficient and responsible human resources plans and procedures of the MCFN by ensuring the human resource plans and procedures are consistent with the vision, mission, management

philosophy, standards and organizational and program policies established by the MCFN Council. In addition, ensuring the organization is operating in compliance with all relevant legislation and policies, including the Canada Labour Code, the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations and all polices as established by the MCFN Council

Public Works – Casual Worker

This casual worker position will be required to fill-in at Community Centre and LSK Caretaker positions which require a Vulnerable Check, in addition to Custodian absenteeism. Duties may include, but will not be limited to lawn maintenance, building and/or rental unit cleaning and/or maintenance, snow removal, water meter reading, etc.

Closing Date: Open Call

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

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

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MCFN EarlyON Weekly Virtual Schedule

Monday to Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 am- Mental Health/Community Resources Post by Jolene Hill SSW	9:00-10:00am- Infant Massage pre-registered LIVE ZOOM with Shelby and Laura	9:30 am- Mental Health/Community Resources Post by Jolene Hill SSW	9:30 am- Mental Health/Community Resources Post by Jolene Hill SSW	9:30 am- Mental Health/Community Resources Post by Jolene Hill SSW
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11:00 am- Circle Time Video with Shelby Riddell RECE	10:30 am- Breakfast/Snack recipe Post by Bridgette Ferreira RECE	11:30 am- Activity of the Day Post by Bridgette Ferreira RECE	11:00 am- Circle Time LIVE ZOOM with Bridgette and Shelby	11:00 am- Mental Health LIVE ZOOM with Jolene Hill
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2:00 pm- Cultural Activity Post by Laura Reid	2:00 pm- Cultural Activity Post by Laura Reid	2:00 pm- Sharing Circle LIVE with Laura Reid	2:00 pm- Cultural Activity by Post Laura Reid	2:00 pm- Cultural Activity Post by Laura Reid
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	6:00-7:00pm- Infant Massage pre-registered LIVE ZOOM with Bridgette and Laura			

COMMUNITY WELLNESS 2021-2022

MCFN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED \$2,000.00 FOR THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY WELLNESS

DISTRIBUTION

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL APPLY TO THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROCESS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

The 2021-2022 Community Wellness applications will be available starting March 15th, 2021. Applications will be available at the mncfn.ca website or call the LMR office and they will mail or email you an application. Contact information is below.

Application forms and 2 pieces of ID:

- Will be accepted starting March 16, 2021 via mail, email or drop off at the mail slot at the Lands, Membership and Research office at 6 First Line.
- Members must use the new 2021-2022 application form for \$2,000 Applications will not be accepted if other forms are used
- Direct deposit (CANADIAN ACCOUNTS ONLY) is the preferred method of payment, your name must appear on your void cheque or direct deposit form. If your name is NOT on it, a cheque will be mailed to you
- If you request a cheque, it will be mailed to you. Please ensure your address is up to date.
- You do not need to submit a quote, receipt or estimate, this year only!
- All payments will start after April 8, 2021.

AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE LMR OFFICES TO DROP OFF APPLICATIONS OR PICK UP CHEQUES

Acceptable Valid ID (must provide a front and back):

- Birth certificate
- Status card
- Health Card
- Drivers licence
- Employee ID with photo
- Student ID with photo
- Firearms license
- Passport or Nexus card

Contact:

Phone - 1-905-768-0100

Email: cw@mncfn.ca

Mailing address:

LMR/Community Wellness

2789 Mississauga Rd

Hagersville, ON

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-ADULT 2021-2022

Mailing Address: LMR/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., R.R. #6 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Email: cw@mncfn.ca

FULL NAME (as it appears on your Status Card):	REGISTRY NUMBER (10 DIGIT):
FULL MAILING ADDRESS (including Postal/Zip Code):	BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD):
EMAIL ADDRESS (required if getting Direct Deposit):	TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code):
PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Mail Out <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit (Canada only)* *Include a void cheque or direct deposit form* <input type="checkbox"/> On File <input type="checkbox"/> New Account	All applications must include front and back photocopies of 2 pieces of ID, 1 being photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is clearly visible.

I hereby authorize the use of my address/email for various MCFN initiatives (such as. Voter's List, MCFN Community Trust, Eagle Press Newsletter, Governance Community Engagement, Internal Department's use). Under no circumstances will MCFN share your personal information with outside agencies.

(BAND MEMBERS PLEASE INITIAL HERE)

X <i>Signature</i> <i>Date:</i>	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ 2,000.00
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Documents provided for identity: _____ Department's Initials _____

Status Card Confirmation of Status D.L. H.C. B.C. Other ID (_____)

Amount Claimed:	Remaining Balance:

Account Number:	64300
Dept. Number:	100030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Department Signature: _____

Date Received _____

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-CHILDREN (Newborn-17 Years) 2021-2022

Mailing Address: LMR/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., R.R. #6 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Email: cw@mncfn.ca

CHILD'S FULL NAME <i>(as it appears on Status Card)</i> :	CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER <i>(10 Digit)</i> :
NAME OF LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN: <small>(proof of legal custody)</small>	LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN'S REGISTRY NUMBER:
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:	CHILD'S BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD):
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS <small>(Required for Direct Deposit)</small> :	TELEPHONE NUMBER <small>(including area code)</small> :
PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Mail Out <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit <small>(Canada Only)*</small> *Include a void cheque or direct deposit form* <input type="checkbox"/> On File <input type="checkbox"/> New Account	All applications must include front and back photocopies of 1 piece of minor ID and 1 piece of parent/guardian photo ID.

X <i>Parent/Guardian Signature Date:</i>	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ <b style="background-color: yellow;">2,000.00
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Documents provided for identity of child and parent/guardian: _____ Department's Initials _____

Status Card Confirmation of Status Proof of Legal Custody D.L. H.C. B.C. Other I.D. ()

Amount Claimed:	Remaining Balance:

Account Number:	64300
Dept. Number:	100030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Department Signature: _____

Date Received _____

Introducing the Department of Lifelong Learning!

Aanii, Boozhoo. Patti Barber ndi' zhnikaaz. Wiikwemkoong ndoo-njibaa. Makwa n'dodem.

I would like to introduce myself and the newly amalgamated department of Lifelong Learning. As part of our Council's vision with the Trailblazer Strategic Plan and reorganization structure, the timing was perfect for Council to strategically amalgamate Child Care, EarlyON and all levels of education to the new Department of Lifelong Learning.

We look forward to our continued work with the Pillar 4 Lead and the MCFN Board of Education.

This new department is also the realization of Mr. Max King's vision, my early mentor. I hope to honour his vision, in leading the department successfully.

Gchi-miigwech to Council for valuing the Early Learning foundational structure and Anishinaabemowin program being delivered at Ekwaamjigenang and our EarlyON Child and Family Programs. Gchi-miigwech for believing in me to lead this new department. It is with great honour that I have accepted this new challenge.

I am confident that with the supporting team and new positions such as the Post-Secondary Counsellor position, filled by Rose Beaver, we will be successful in assisting the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation with their future goals. I believe that this is a time of great importance in our journey as we reclaim traditions, culture and language. I look forward to adding to my knowledge by working closely with the First Nations with School Collective and the new Collective Liason.

The department of Lifelong Learning is located at 2789 Mississauga Road Building # 3 in the lower level. We ask that the membership be patient as we relocate our offices and transition a new administrative team.

I look forward to serving the community in my new capacity.

I can be reached on my cell phone @ 289-442-0526 or by email at patti.barber@mncfn.ca or Rose Beaver can be reached by email at PSEcounsellor@mncfn.ca

Yours in Unity
Patti Barber



Patti Barber, Director of Lifelong Learning

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who needs to register for kindergarten at Lloyd S. King School, please print the registration form off of the Lloyd S. King Elementary School webpage, or call 905-768-3222 to get the forms emailed to you, or to make an appointment for pick up.

Registering children will also need, proof of address, health card, status card (if registered) and updated immunization record.

Please contact: lsk.secretary@mncfn.ca for any other questions

Upcoming events:

Electronics Return - June 28th

LSK families please note that with the end of the school year fast approaching the following items need to be returned to school: iPads, iPad Cases, Charger & Cord. Furthermore, please also return if provided the following: Stylus Pens, SIM Cards and Headphones. The drop-off day is scheduled for Monday, June 28th from 9am to 4pm.

To be mindful of COVID-19 protocol, LSK families will be asked to stay in their vehicles at the time of drop-off. If you are not available to attend during this time frame, please contact the school to arrange an alternative drop-off time.

Families who submit their iPads on June 28th will have their names entered into a draw for a \$50 dollar gift card.

If families are not able to drop-off your equipment by June 30th they can return their devices afterwards to the Education Office.

All provided SIM cards will be all deactivated on June 28th

Contact: 905-768-3222

Year end awards drive thru pick-up -

Congratulations on a successful school year! We are celebrating the accomplishments of LSK Award Recipients with our annual Year End Awards. Please remain in your vehicle and LSK staff will bring the award(s) to you! Award winners will be notified in the newsletter shortly before the event.

Contact: Hali Sault 905-768-3222



Breakfast for LSK Students
Every Sunday effective Oct. 4
 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 MCFN Social and Health Services Garage

PLEASE BE ADVISED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BREAKFAST PICK UP WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Meet the new Children's Mental Health worker Delby Powless

He is a member of the Mohawk Nation Turtle Clan. Powless graduated from Bellevue University with a Bachelor of Science in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice. He also graduated from the Child and Youth Mental Health program at Wilfred Laurier University. While attending Herkimer County Community College and Rutgers University, Powless was named to three All-American Teams in the sport of lacrosse. He played lacrosse professionally, winning the Champions Cup in 2008 with the Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League and the Steinfeld Cup in 2009 with Toronto Nationals of Major League Lacrosse. Powless is also a recipient of the Tom Longboat Award as Canada's Top Aboriginal Athlete. Delby has coached many youth sports in his community including lacrosse, hockey, baseball and wrestling. He also has many years of experience working with Native youth and their families while an employee at the Six Nations Youth Lodge, Six Nations Child and Family Services, Ogwadeni:deo and Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Services.



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This study has been reviewed by the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board (HIREB). REB #5386

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There will be 3 sessions with 30 kits per session. Children in the same family will share some items in each kit. MCFN children will receive priority. We will try to ensure that your child gets into at least one session if they are MCFN members.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Session 1—Registration is June 28 & 29 from 9 –4 TEXT Shelly at 905-536-9864

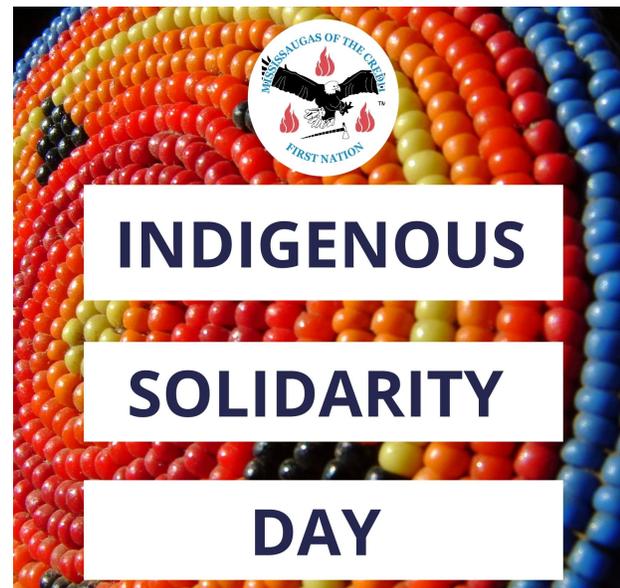
Kit Pick up will be July 5 from 3—6 at Social and Health services , all details will be available then.

Session 2—Registration is July 19 & 20 from 9-4 TEXT Shelly at 905-536-9864

Kit pick up will be July 26,from 3—6 at Social and Health services , all details will be available then.

Session 3—Registration is August 9 & 10 from 9-4 text Shelly at 905-536-9864

Kit pick up will be August 16 from 3—6 at Social and Health services, all details will be available then.



INDIGENOUS

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DAY

JUNE 21st | 10am - 1pm
@ Social & Health Services

**To Register: Text Leslie Maracle
519-732-5407 | Remain in vehicle at pickup**

Time Capsule Kit

Kits will be provided to bury a time capsule.

This time capsule will hold memories of your child(ren)'s COVID school year and other events.

Pickup date will be Monday, June 28th from 9:00 am—4:00 pm at Social and Health Services.

One kit will be given per family.

Open to all MCFN members



DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2026!



FATHER'S DAY *Giveaway*

To Register: Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm,
Text Shelly: 905-536-9864



Pick Up: June 18, 1pm – 5pm
@ Social & Health Services
Remain in vehicle at pickup



King, Lawrence "Lolly"

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father and Papa, who was called home by the Creator on June 26th, 2020.

"As long as I can, I will look at this world for both of us, as long as I can, I will laugh with the birds. I will sing with the flowers. I will pray to the stars, for both of us - Author Unknown"

As we struggle through the past year without your laughter, hugs and love, we take comfort in our many memories and know that you continue to watch over us.

Forever loved - Bridie, Shannon and Lexie, Kerri, Scott, Jaxon, Hudson and Mason.



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