



# EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

The first All-Nations Pow Wow co-hosted by U of T Mississauga's Indigenous Centre and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation



Photo by: Nick Iwanyshyn

## Vision Statement in Ojibwe:

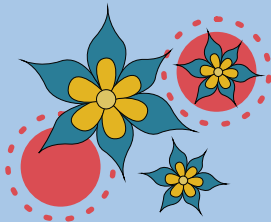
*Ezhi niigaan waabjigaayewaad Mississaugas of the Credit endaawaad (the vision of these people). Ezhip mino maadzijig (living a joyful life), ezhi waamji-gaazwaad (their identity, how people have identified them), ezhi debwedmowaad (their beliefs), ezhi mimiingaazwaad (what was given to them by Creation, 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](http://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 or submissions Contact: [Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca](mailto:Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca)



### Artwork Acknowledgement

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

Newsletter Header: Toni Hafkenscheid Photography



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## GIMAA R. STACEY LAFORME

Chief and Council have reviewed and approved of the MCFN Constitution draft and it is now ready for community approval. The Membership vote will be held on **April 22nd, 2023**.

Our Governance Pillar Lead with the support of the Governance Department and Constitution Sub-Committee, began drafting in 2019, and hosting virtual and in-person engagement sessions from March 2021 – December 2022. Comments and changes from the Community were noted and implemented in the final draft.



The Constitution is a foundational piece that is needed to enable this First Nation to begin the process of stepping outside the Indian Act and making room for our own jurisdiction. We have the inherent right to self-determination in all aspects of our lives and the Constitution recognizes and affirms this authority. The Constitution affirms our rights as a sovereign nation, and it is our collective acknowledgment of those fundamental rights and principles. Having a Constitution will affirm our nationhood

The Constitution does not take away any of our rights. It allows us to utilize our rights to move ahead in any area we require, so that we can begin to exercise our jurisdiction. Our future laws and processes get their authority from our Constitution and those laws and processes can be amended. We will be looking at approval of an election law and an approval process for lawmaking. In the coming year we will be consulting with MCFN members on what a membership/citizenship law could look like. We need to have the Constitution in place first before we can make any other laws because we need to have our own jurisdiction.

Copies of the Constitution are available and voting packages have been mailed out to all eligible voters off-reserve who have an up-to-date address with the Lands, Membership, and Research Department. There are copies of the draft constitution posted on the members-only website. We can also email a copy to you, please request by emailing [Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca](mailto:Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca) or calling the Governance office: 905-768-4983.

Further, the office is available to answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the vote.

Miigwech.

Be safe, be heard

Gimaa Stacey Laforme



## MESSAGE FROM GIMAA

**National IRS Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419 IRSS**

**Telephone Support Line: 1-800-721-0066 FN**

**Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line:**

**1-855-242-3310 Native Youth Crisis Hotline:**

**1-877-209-1266**

**Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868, or text  
686868**



# National Indian Residential School Crisis Line

**1-866-925-4419**



Indigenous Services  
Canada

Services aux  
Autochtones Canada

Canada



## **Notice of Ratification Vote**

### **Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)**

Notice is hereby given that a Ratification Vote will be held at the **MCFN Community Centre, located at 659 New Credit Rd, Building #4, Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0** on **Saturday** the **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **April** 2023, beginning at **8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for the MCFN Constitution.

There will be **four (4)** Ratification information sessions held at the **MCFN Community Centre, located at 659 New Credit Rd, Building #4, Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0**

**Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Also note that any voter may vote by mail in ballot. If you will not be available to vote in person on the Polling Day, you may make arrangements with the Ratification Officer to receive a mail in ballot.

The question on the Ballot will read:

"Do you approve of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Constitution?"

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you have not had the chance to review the Draft Law and would like a copy emailed, mailed, or arranged for pickup, this can be done on request by emailing [Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca](mailto:Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca) or calling the Governance office: 905-768-4983. The office is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. An electronic copy can be found **HERE:** <https://mncfn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MCFN-Constitution-DRAFT.pdf>

Given under my hand on this **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **February 2023.**

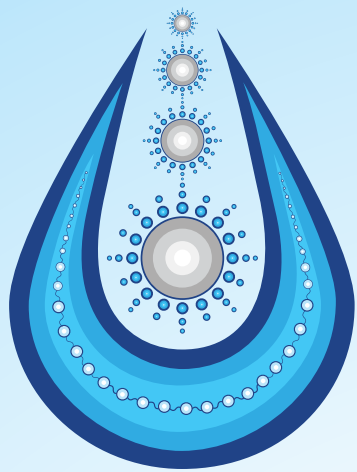


Margaret Sault

Ratification Officer

Email: [Margaret.Sault@mncfn.ca](mailto:Margaret.Sault@mncfn.ca)

Phone: 905-768-0100



**First Nations  
Drinking Water**  
SETTLEMENT

The Claims Period  
has been extended to

# March 7, 2024

Submit your claim at  
**FirstNationsDrinkingWater.ca**

The claims process for individuals and Impacted First Nations in the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement is open. Impacted First Nations have until March 7, 2024 to accept the Settlement Agreement by submitting a Band Council Acceptance Resolution. The deadline for individuals to submit a claim is March 7, 2024.

This is the first drop in recognizing the communities impacted. See what claims process is right for you and access the online Claim Form at [www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

How do you know if you are eligible? You might be included in the settlement if you:

- are a member of a First Nation; and
- were born before November 20, 1995 and lived on an Impacted First Nation that was under a drinking water advisory that lasted for a year or longer, between November 20, 2013, and June 20, 2021; or
- were born on or after November 20, 1995 and lived on an Impacted First Nation that was under a drinking water advisory that lasted for a year or longer, between November 20, 1995, and June 20, 2021.

The settlement also includes children, those under disabilities (someone who is unable to manage their affairs due to mental incapacity) and loved ones who passed away on or after November 20, 2017 (if they also meet the criteria above). Additional compensation may be available for those who followed long-term drinking water advisories but still suffered Specified Injuries.

To learn more, visit [www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](http://www.firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Claim Form or have questions about making a claim, call the Administrator toll-free at **1-833-252-4220**.



# COMMUNITY WELLNESS 2023-2024

MCFN Council has approved \$2000.00 for the 2023-2024 Community Wellness distribution.



The 2023-2024 Community Wellness applications will be available online at [www.mncfn.ca](http://www.mncfn.ca) starting April 1, 2023. If you would like to pick up an application, they will be available at the Lands, Membership & Research (LMR) office starting April 3, 2023.

## Application Forms and 2 Pieces of Identification (see below)

- Will be accepted in person at LMR 6 First Line starting April 3, 2023.
- Applications will also be accepted via email starting April 1, 2023. You can also mail in the application and ID to the address below or drop off in the mail slot at LMR, 6 First Line.
- **Members must use the new 2023-2024 application form for \$2000. 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 **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If your name is **NOT** on your void cheque or direct deposit form, a cheque will be mailed to you. Not applicable if there are no changes to your banking information.
- If you have requested a cheque, it will be mailed to you. Please ensure your address is up to date and complete.
- You do not need to submit a quote, receipt or estimate this year only!
- **Payments will be issued within 4 – 6 weeks, upon receipt of your completed application(s).**

## Acceptable Valid ID (MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FRONT & BACK OF ID)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth certificate</li><li>• Status card</li><li>• Health card</li><li>• Driver's license</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employee ID, with digitized photo</li><li>• Student ID, with digitized photo</li><li>• Firearms license</li><li>• Passport or Nexus card</li></ul>
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Phone: 1-905-768-0100

Email: [cw@mncfn.ca](mailto:cw@mncfn.ca)

Mailing address: LMR/Community Wellness  
2789 Mississauga Rd  
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

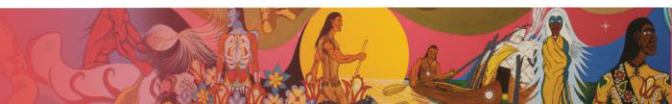
LOCATION: Unit #1 - 6 First Line Road, Hagersville, Ontario

MAILING: Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

2789 Mississauga Road RR 6, Hagersville, Ontario N0A 1H0



Phone: (905) 768-0100  
Fax: (905) 768-7311







## **Donations for the Howick-White Family**

Following the tragic fire that occurred the morning of March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation is coordinating a donation process for the Howick-White family.

Electronic funds transfers will be accepted at the following address:

[accountsreceivable@mncfn.ca](mailto:accountsreceivable@mncfn.ca)

Please ensure you indicate "Donation for Family" in the message and note if you require a receipt.

Cash donations can be brought to the Administration Building, located at 2789 Mississauga Road, Building #1, Hagersville, Ontario.

100% of the donations will go to the family.

Miigwech for your support. Information regarding clothing and household donations will be forthcoming.



# MCFN MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE

## ARTISAN CALLOUT

The MCFN Major Events committee is looking for authentic first nations crafts to sell at this years CNE. we are asking Artists of all art forms to submit thier Portfolios by:

**Submissions Deadline: April 14th @ 4:30 pm**

**Email: [jai.king-green@mncfn.ca](mailto:jai.king-green@mncfn.ca)**

Paintings • Beaded Lanyards • Quill Work  
Beaded Earrings • Mocassins • Beaded Medallions

### Artists Portfolio to include the following:

- Full Name & Business Name
- Contact Information
- First Nation Affiliation (MCFN MEMBERS WILL HAVE PRIORITY)
- Type of Artwork/medium
- High quality Photos
- Must be able to or can produce quality amounts of products

### NON-Acceptable Artforms:

- No Regalia or Regalia Items
- No Ribbon Skirts
- No Brand-Name Logos (inc MCFN & Mississauga Nation)
- No Profanity or Explicit Content
- No Individual Furs or Protected Feathers
- No glass or fragile items

All successful applicants will be contacted to attend an interview to show samples of artwork





# CULTURE AND HISTORY



The honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, visited the MCFN Community Centre to present the final artwork and grant of arms for the Chapel Royal Tobacco Badge.

Her honour was joined by the Reverend Canon Paul Wright, the Sub-Dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal, as he undertakes a visit to Canada. These institutions stand as symbols of the kinship between the Canadian Crown and Indigenous People.



On National Indigenous Peoples' Day, June 21, 2017, Queen Elizabeth II bestowed a rare honour on St. Catherine's Chapel at Massey College. She designated it a Chapel Royal in recognition of the sesquicentennial of Canada and the relationship between Massey College and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

In Anishinaabemowin, The Chapel Royal at Massey College is called Gi-Chi-Twaa Gimaa Nini Mississauga Anishinaabek AName Amik (The King's Anishinaabek Sacred Place), a name created by James Shawana, Anishinaabek language teacher at Lloyd S. King Elementary School in MCFN.

On Monday, March 20, 2023, Indigenous artist David General's "Conversation and Stories" sculpture was unveiled at the Joseph Brant Museum.

David General was born on Six Nations of the Grand River and raised on Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. "I've often mentioned my dual citizenship. Conversations and Stories is my homage to our similar history, development and resilience. We owe immense gratitude to past and present generations of speakers whose time, energy and commitment have retained, protected and revitalized our respective languages."

The artwork, which is funded in part by a generous donation by Dan Lawrie, is a granite sculpture of two female figures walking to an event where they will share lessons their garments bear and answer questions the gathering put forward.

"Our traditional knowledge, ceremonies, teachings, governance and worldviews provide much for us to talk about – much to share. We celebrate the Thanksgiving Address, Seven Grandfather Teachings and the Medicine Wheel as gifts of guidance. Onkwehón:we and Anishinaabe Peoples are taking voices once considered in crisis and setting them on a path as timeless and as enduring as granite."





# Treaty Celebration Event

## March 4th, 2023



Elder Peter Schuler has been working as an advisor for the Oakville Community Foundation since 2020 and leading the Debwewin Oakville project for just over a year now.

"(Peter) suggested we should have a community feast and bring the two communities together and celebrate our different cultures," said Wendy Rinella, CEO of the Oakville Community Foundation. On March 4th, the two communities shared cultures at the MCFN community centre with drumming, dancing and a feast catered by chef Tawnya Brant to celebrate allyship and treaties. RBC was the Title Sponsor for this community celebration.

The event featured Juno Award winning singer-songwriter Susan Aglukark, with special performances by Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton's Steel Pan Drummers and Calypso Singers and ArtHouse Hip-Hop Dancers. Members of Gimaa Laforme's ally leadership Council were also in attendance and presented gifts to the Community including art, and experiences for the students at Lloyd S. King elementary.

"MCFN has been working with many of these outstanding community leaders and are pleased with their continued support as we move forward in the next phase of the Debwewin: The Oakville Truth Project," said Gimaa R. Stacey Laforme.

"This first annual event serves as an opportunity for the Oakville community to give thanks and acknowledge our allyship and reciprocity with the Mississaugas," said Jeff Bradley, Regional Vice President Halton for RBC and Ally Leader Council Member, "RBC is pleased to support this inaugural event at MCFN."

We want to say miigwech to everyone who came out, and we will be sending out a survey on how to make the event even bigger and better for years to come!



# CULTURE AND HISTORY



Photos by Nick Iwanyshyn

An estimated 1,500 visitors turned out to University of Toronto Mississauga on March 25 for the campus' inaugural All-Nations Powwow. The event was co-hosted by U of T Mississauga's Indigenous Centre and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

In addition to performances, the Powwow also featured a busy marketplace of Indigenous-owned businesses with products including apparel, artwork, jewelry and food items, as well as booths sharing information from Indigenous community groups and U of T services

We are incredibly proud of the success of the event and want to say miigwech to the dancers, singers, and elders who participated. As well, miigwech to our Major Events Committee, Special Events and Culture Unit, and of course the wonderful staff at UTM, with a special shoutout to Tee Duke, Director, UTM Office of Indigenous Initiatives.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# OPEN HOUSE

TO CELEBRATE MARGARET SAULT'S 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
AND RETIREMENT FROM MCFN

AT THE MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE 359 KIDZ ROAD

2 PM TO 5 PM

ON SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023

ANISHINAABEMOWIN CLASSES

W/ Mawla Shawana

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**MCFN**  
COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

**STARTING**

**JANUARY 11TH 2023**

All levels of Anishinaabemowin

understanding welcome!

Open to all.

limited dinners available.

**ZOOM INFO:**  
Meeting ID:  
83989779012  
Passcode: 634204





**POW WOW**  
AND TRADITIONAL GATHERING

**OUR STORY — AASGAABWITAADIDAA  
(LET'S STAND TOGETHER)**

# SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST 26TH & 27TH 2023  
+ ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT ON THE 25TH**

[POWWOW@MNCFN.CA](mailto:POWWOW@MNCFN.CA)





# MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS



**LAST SATURDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH!**



**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
(LUNCH PROVIDED)**



**MCFN COMMUNITY  
CENTRE**

**+ Livestreamed on MCFN Membership  
FB group.**

## **UPCOMING:**

**March 25: Pillar 3 -  
environment &  
Sustainability,  
Stewardship for  
Land, Air, Water**

**April 29: Pillar 4 -  
Education &  
Awareness**

**May 27: Pillar 6 -  
Infrastructure &  
Community  
Development**

**June 24: Pillar 7 -  
Governance**

**July 29: Pillar 1 -  
Inclusive Prosperity  
and Economic  
Growth**

**\* Subject to change**





# **NOTICE**

## **Garbage Bins & Community Clean Up**

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Residents,  
Public Works Department is coordinating Garbage Bins for Community Clean-Up. Four (4) debris bins will be at the **NEW location just off New Credit Road along Eagle Lane (see location map below).**

### **Hours of Operation:**

9:00am until 6:00pm - Monday April 17, 2023 to Friday April 21, 2023

9:00am until 3:00pm – Saturday April 22, 2023

**CLOSED Sunday April 23, 2023**

9:00am until 6:00pm – Monday April 24, 2023 to Friday April 28, 2023

9:00am until 3:00pm – Saturday April 29, 2023

**CLOSED Sunday April 30, 2023**

All bins will be clearly marked: Two (2) Household Garbage Bins, One (1) Metal Bin and One (1) Construction Debris Only.

Garbage Bags and one (1) pair of gloves / household can be arranged for pick-up by calling or texting Craig King at the number below

### **Reminders:**

- 1. No illegal dumping is permitted.**
- 2. No hazardous waste of any kind is accepted.**
- 3. No Electronics of any kind are accepted.**
- 4. No tires of any kind are accepted.**
- 5. Keep the area clean and dispose items INSIDE the bins.**
- 6. Do not cross contaminate bins when disposing of items.**
- 7. Bulky item disposal collected from curbside on April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> (desks, beds, couches, chairs, tables and other “furniture type” items ONLY)**

Please contact the MCFN Public Works Department with any questions.

Thank you,

Arland LaForme  
Director of Public Works  
2789 Mississauga Road  
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0  
Office 905-768-1133 Ext 238

Craig King  
Infrastructure Maintenance Worker (Bldgs.)  
450 New Credit Road  
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0  
Cell 905-971-2981

[Arland.LaForme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Arland.LaForme@mncfn.ca)

[Craig.King@mncfn.ca](mailto:Craig.King@mncfn.ca)

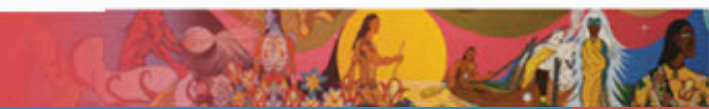


#### **Public Works Department**

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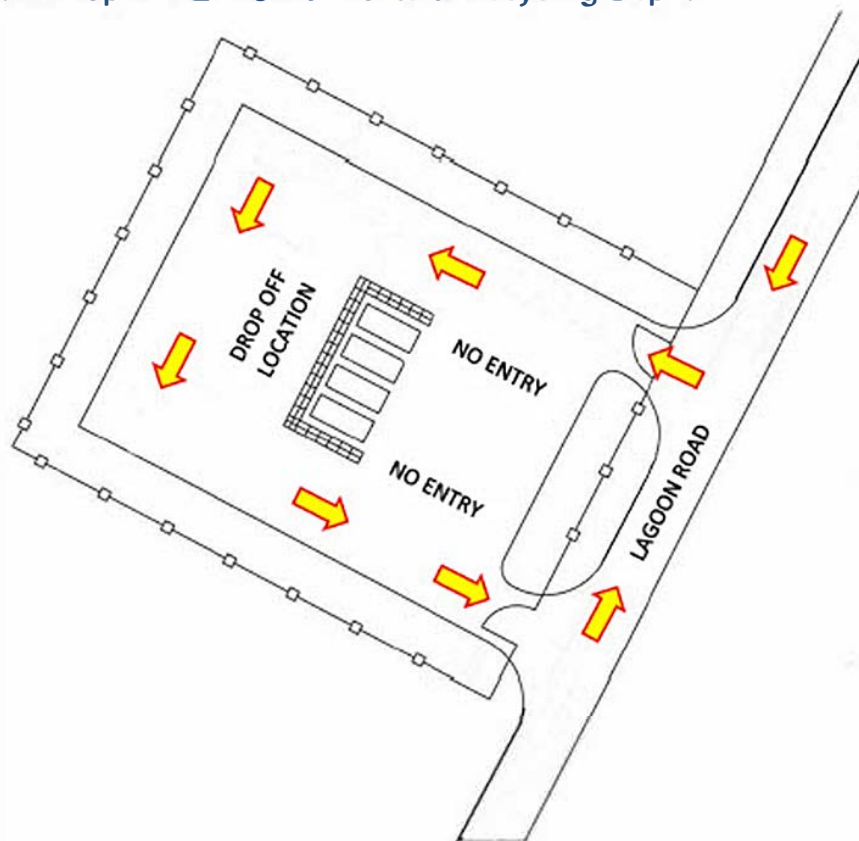
Phone: (905) 768-1133  
Fax: (905) 768-1225







Location Map of NEW Solid Waste & Recycling Depot



Site Layout of NEW Solid Waste & Recycling Depot



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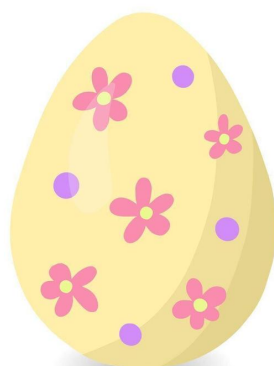
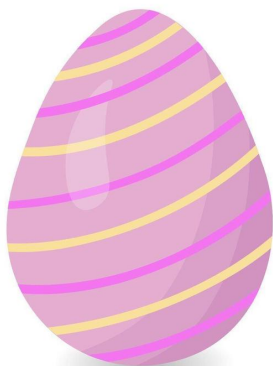


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 Fax: (905) 768-1225



# April @ Social & Health Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ASP= After School Program YG=Youth Group	Community Health Home & Community Care Ontario Works Community Support Family Support		Immunizations are available @ Community Health Mon – Fri 9:30am – 4:00pm call ahead to ensure RN is on site.			1
2	3 ASP 3:15-4:45 Foot Care with Fran Yoga at CC 6-7pm	4 ASP 3:15-4:45 Water Collection Infant Massage Women's Shop Foot Care with Fran	5 ASP 3:15-4:45 Foot Care with Fran 12-28Breastfeeding Support Group	6 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 6-8 6-8pm Men's Shop Foot Care with Fran	7 Good Friday Closed	8
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Mississaugas of the Credit  
Community Health Program presents:

# YOGA

class

**Monday's 6:00pm-6:45pm**  
**MCFN Community Centre**

All Levels Welcome  
Free of Charge

Bring: Yoga Mat, Yoga Blocks, Water

For more information, please contact  
Laura-Lee Kelly @ 905-768-1181



# COMMUNITY EASTER PARTY

**Monday,  
April 10**

**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**MCFN Community  
Centre**

**Dinner at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Special guest appearance and  
activities for families.**



**For More info contact Shelly, Hayli,  
Angela at 905-768-1181**







ARE YOU COMING TO  
C.L.A.S.S.?

*Community, Love, Acceptance,  
Sobriety, Support.*

JOIN US ON THURSDAYS,  
ALTERNATING DAY/EVENING SESSIONS  
(EITHER 12PM-2PM OR 6PM-8PM) AT  
SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES STARTING

THURSDAY  
APR | 06 | 2023

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE CONTACT  
LESLIE MARACLE OR ERIN CLARKE  
TO REGISTER AT 905-768-1181 OR  
TEXT LESLIE @ 548-328-1591  
OR ERIN @ 289-442-4540

Are you nearing the age of 64?  
Not sure what to do? Join us for...

# Services for Seniors

Presentation by Service Canada  
with MCFN Ontario Works Dept.

F R I D A Y , M A Y 1 2 , 2 0 2 3

SOCIAL & HEALTH, LOWER LEVEL

LIGHT LUNCH:

12PM-1PM

PRESENTATION / Q&A

1PM-3PM

This workshop provides information about the Canadian Pension Plan and Old Age Security benefit, such as eligibility requirements, how to calculate your payment, how to apply, when to apply, survivors benefits, child benefits and more!

*Anyone wishing to obtain a Personal Access Code (PAC) to access their My Service Canada Account, will need to know their SIN and have photo ID on hand*

Space is limited. To register, call  
Erin at 905-768-1181



Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)  
Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre (ECC)



Department of Lifelong Learning  
Early Years Program

## Wait List Eligibility Criteria and Procedure

The Waiting List application form is available through the MCFN website or at the ECC office, or by emailing your request to [shannon.king@mncfn.ca](mailto:shannon.king@mncfn.ca) or [Katharine.brown@mncfn.ca](mailto:Katharine.brown@mncfn.ca) for an electronic copy.

There is no charge for the waiting list application.

Children are placed on the waiting list in accordance with the Priority Requirements Chart below and then by the date and/or time of the completed forms received at ECC. When a space becomes available, the ECC Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor will contact the family.

Families will be given one week to state their intent in regard to that space. If the space is confirmed and accepted, the Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor will move forward with completing the application process, orientation and payment arrangements.

If the family chooses not to accept the available space, the application will be placed at the bottom of the relevant priority list. A space declined 3 times within 12 months from the first offer will be removed from the waitlist.

ECC respects the privacy and confidentiality of the children on the waitlist. Information will only be shared with the parent/guardian on the application form. The applicant is responsible for keeping up-to-date on the status of their application's position on the waitlist. The applicant must ensure that their contact information is accurate. To check the status of an application, please reach out to the ECC Supervisor via email at [shannon.king@mncfn.ca](mailto:shannon.king@mncfn.ca) or by phone call at 905 768 5036

**\* Priority may be given to MCFN Guardians or Children if ordered by a Court, Child and Family Services Agency, or supporting documentation from another outside agency requesting that a child be placed in a Child Care setting.**

Priority	Requirements
A	Members and children of members of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
B	Children of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Full-Time Permanent Employees*
C	Children who reside on Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who do not have Indigenous affiliation*
D	Children who are members of other First Nation, Metis and Inuit communities who reside in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties.*



**Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)  
Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre (ECC)**



**Wait List Eligibility Criteria and Procedure**

Department of Lifelong Learning  
Early Years Program

*\*To a maximum age group capacity of 30%; available spaces beyond the 30% capacity would be offered on a contractual basis and would be given not less than 3 months' notice of termination should a Priority 1 application require that space.*

*ECC has 3 emergency child care spaces for MCFN families. These spaces are available as needed for emergency child care only and based on centre capacity and required enrollment documents per the CCEYA, 2014. For more information, please contact the Centre Supervisor or the Early Years Administrator.*







## **Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Enrollment and Waiting List Eligibility Criteria, Procedure and Application Form**

Children are placed on the waiting list in accordance with the Priority Requirements Chart below and then by the date and/or time of the completed forms received at ECC. When a space becomes available, the ECC Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor will contact the family.

Families will be given one week to state their intent in regard to that space. If the space is confirmed and accepted, the Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor will move forward with completing the application process, orientation and payment arrangements.

If the family chooses not to accept the available space, the application will be placed at the bottom of the relevant priority list. A space declined 3 times within 12 months from the first offer will be removed from the waitlist.

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ECC respects the privacy and confidentiality of the children on the waitlist. Information will only be shared with the parent/guardian on the application form. The applicant is responsible for keeping up to-date on the status of their application's position on the waitlist. The applicant must ensure that their contact information is accurate. To check the status of an application, please reach out to the ECC Supervisor via email at [shannon.king@mncfn.ca](mailto:shannon.king@mncfn.ca) or by phone call at 905 768 5036

**\* Priority may be given to MCFN Guardians or Children if ordered by a Court, Child and Family Services Agency, or supporting documentation from another outside agency requesting that a child be placed in a Child Care setting.**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b>A</b>	Members and children of members of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
<b>B</b>	Children of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Full-Time Permanent Employees**
<b>C</b>	Children who reside on Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who do not have Indigenous affiliation*
<b>D</b>	Children who are members of other First Nation, Metis and Inuit communities who reside in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties. *

\*\*Children enrolled under priority B-D are enrolled on a contractual basis. Should there be a priority A who submits a *Waiting List Application Form* for a space taken by a priority B-D they would be given not less than 3 months' notice of termination.

\*To a maximum age group capacity of 30%; available spaces beyond the 30% capacity would be offered on a contractual basis.



**Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre  
Enrollment and Waiting List Eligibility Criteria, Procedure and Application Form**

When a child is next on the list, the family will be contacted. When asked, families will be notified where their child is on the current priority wait list, which may change at any time based on the priority criteria above.

***If parental contact is not possible, the child's name will be removed from the MCFN child care waiting list.***

Child's Name (on Birth Certificate)		Please underline common name	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Date of Care required	
Name of First Nation		Status Number	
Mother / Guardian Name			
Name of First Nation		Status number	
Phone number (keep this office informed of any changes).			
Father / Guardian Name			
Name of First Nation		Status Number	
Phone number (if different from above)			
<b>For Lands Membership Use Only</b>		<b>Sent to LRM on:</b>	
I have verified that the: <input type="checkbox"/> child and/or <input type="checkbox"/> parent named above is a status member of the MCFN		<input type="checkbox"/> I have verified that the parent named above has submitted all required documents to begin the process of Registering their child as a MCFN Band Member or <input type="checkbox"/> the child is eligible under adoption law	
Signature Lands Membership Office      Date		Signature Lands Membership Office      Date	
<b>For Child Care Office Use Only</b>			
<b>Date received:</b>		<b>Time received:</b>	
<b>Parent initial</b> <b>Office initial</b>		<b>Parent initial</b> <b>Office initial</b>	

CC Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Entered on wait list \_\_\_\_\_ entered on wait list summary \_\_\_\_\_  
Updated March 2023



## APRIL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

My name is Victoria Martin, and I am taking the Social Service Worker program at Six Nations Polytechnic/Mohawk college. I am living in an apartment while in school.

What was your biggest surprise? (about PS versus secondary school OR your particular school OR ??)

I have gone to college twice in the past and failed both times. My biggest surprise when I first went to college was the course load and how much work we had to do. I was also lacking time management skills, which made the course load seem more difficult at the time.

What has your journey been like?

My journey has been a rollercoaster, from failing two programs when I was 19-23 to returning at 27 and trying again. I began with a graphic design course and then interactive media design at Fanshawe. I found the arts was something I wanted as a hobby and not a career, although that did not click until I had failed twice. I dropped out and thought college was a waste of my time - but I did not know where I wanted to go in my journey. In 2018-2019 I had a few experiences with social service workers, and their kindness and understanding and the way they spoke to me like a human, made me realize that is what I want to do and be a part of in my career. Indigenous people can have preconceived biases about social workers, as I know I did, and the field needs more Indigenous people with the knowledge and experiences. These experiences ignited the decision to return to school within social services, where my journey brought me in 2022. I also intend to attend university after this program to obtain my Master of Social Work/Juris Doctor.

When I first went to college, my GPA was 1.49 to around 1.52 for 3 semesters. This past fall semester in my social service worker program, I obtained a 97.61 GPA. This year I took 7 courses and took care of 2 tiny humans. I find I was able to achieve this by writing absolutely everything down in multiple calendars and finally having some time management skills!

Have some advice for others?

Write all your assignments down as soon as you get your syllabus. Either in your calendar, notebook or an app. I use google calendar and excel to add all my due dates for the semester. I also ensure I start assignments ahead of time and try to have them completed a few days before the due date. Another thing that has worked for me is writing down study blocks in my calendar - I put 12-1pm and 8pm-11pm in my calendar. Having "study blocks" makes it a bit easier to get started on homework. Although, if I find it hard to begin my assignment, I set a 5-minute timer to get as much as I can done and usually, after 5 minutes, I'll be in the flow to keep going.

Where might your course take you in the future?

After finishing the SSW program, I plan to attend university to get my Master of Social work/Juris Doctor. I then would love to open my own social services/law practice that is focused on the Indigenous community. My goal is to help Indigenous youth and families within social services and law, as these fields lack Indigenous professionals, wisdom, and understanding much of the time. Taking this social service worker program founded on Indigenous knowledge will assist me with where I need to go in the future.

# LIFELONG LEARNING

April update:

Still deciding what program to apply to? Or maybe you have applied to a few, but not sure which one you want the most? Here are some hints and tips to finding out more-the more comfortable you are with your choice, the more you will look forward to postsecondary with confidence.

First-have you attended any Open House activities? Most are happening right around now. Get a feel for the campus; meet some of the people who work there. . This will take the edge off when you start attending classes, but will also give you some valuable hints to the atmosphere of the school. Go to more than one open house event if possible. Some things are the same all over, but some things are very different! Does the school value scholarship? Do they push for participation, sporting events, school spirit? Are they leaders for the area that interests you? Maybe they are known for their innovative programming, or the variety of Apprenticeship programs. You might want to match the school to your ambitions for the best choice of success.

Can't make it in person? Did you know most schools have online tours? Do a google search for the school name + online tours. You can get a feel for the place, even if you cannot go in person ahead of time. The more familiar you feel with the campus and services before you start, the quicker you will become comfortable there, and settle into learning. Starting postsecondary should be exciting, not frightening, so take action to reduce the newness.

Still have questions about the school? Put them on the APSIP (Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program) Facebook page; get in a dialogue with the recruiter. Chances are the school has a newsletter-sign up for it. Check out the Indigenous or Student Services, sign up for Facebook, Instagram, etc. By the time you start, you will know what Welcoming events you will want to attend, and some of the people you will be hanging with. Remember, you are doing this for you. You deserve the effort it takes to make things easier for yourself. Get familiar, get comfortable, and get going!

## NOTICE

**LMR WILL NOT BE ISSUING STATUS CARDS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL DUE TO COMMUNITY WELLNESS.**

**APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**



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## Housing Repair/Renovation & Sanitation (HRRS) and/or CMHC/RRAP Program

This is a program to improve the quality of your home and to address all **MANDATORY** Health, Safety, & Structural deficiencies in and outside of your home.

HRRS applications can be picked up at the Housing office (agimaw gamig Building-Band Administration) or you may call the Housing office to have an application mailed to you.

Applications are to be returned to the Housing Office on or before and no later than April 21, 2023 – no later than 4:30 p.m.

Once the deadline of APRIL 21, 2023 has passed, and all applications submitted:

- ❖ Inspections will be set up to inspect your home identifying not only the repairs you request but also to ensure that all Health, Safety, Structural deficiencies are addressed.
- ❖ A specification report will be drawn up and you will be required to attend the Housing office to view the specification report or the report will be mailed directly to you.
- ❖ After review of the Specification Report, you will sign off of the Specification Report that you are in agreement with all listed items.
- ❖ You then will be required to obtain at least 2 estimates per item listed on the specification report.
- ❖ Housing Staff, based on Program criteria will determine which program applicant qualifies for (CMHC/RRAP Program and/or the MNCFN HRRS Program or both)

**\*Applications submitted after the deadline date will be dealt with on funding availability.**

**Discretionary/Cosmetic items** can only be completed if dollars are available and once all Mandatory Health, Safety, & Structural items have been addressed for all applicants.

**For Emergency:** (addressed as situations arise)

- >If heating/plumbing, or electrical issues arise, a service man MUST BE CONTACTED FIRST to identify the problem, and once THE PROBLEM IS IDENTIFIED, an inspector is sent to verify the situation, specifications will be drawn up, and 1 estimate submitted.
- >Public Works Department may deem 2 estimates are necessary if estimate submitted appears too high or too low.
- >Also, a letter from your insurance company must be provided stating that the repair is not covered by your insurance company.

**Note: Proof of income, Proof of land ownership where house is situated, and house insurance (copy of policy) is required at time of application.**

## HOUSING NEW PROGRAM

**Housing New applications are ongoing and can be picked up anytime throughout the year. You may attend the Housing Office located in the agimaw gamig building (Band Administration) to obtain an application or you may request to have a Housing-New application mailed to you by calling 905-768-1133, Ext. 230 or have an application emailed to you by emailing [Colette Webb.@mncfn.ca](mailto:Colette.Webb@mncfn.ca)**

Once your housing application has been submitted and checked to ensure that the application has been filled out properly, signed and dated you will be placed on the housing new list.

Thereafter, each and every year, you will receive notification by letter of your placement number on the housing list as you move up the list.

There are approximately 109 individuals listed on the housing new list.

**The Housing Department offers Online Banking!  
If you wish to set up your payments, please  
contact Brandy at Public Works for detailed  
instructions at 905-768-1133 ext. 237**

### **A message from Technical Resource Support:**

As the snow begins to melt, leaks or floods may become a problem. Check your home for moisture.

Here are a few tips to deal with moisture or water:

- Dry or remove water damaged items within the first 48 hours to reduce the risk of mould growth
- Repair leaks right away
- Dry the floor, walls, furniture and other wet items – throw away items that can't be dried
- Pull carpets and furniture away from any wet walls to help them dry



## MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

### COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-ADULT 2023-2024

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

Email: [cw@mncfn.ca](mailto:cw@mncfn.ca)

<b>FULL NAME</b> (as it appears on your Status Card):	<b>REGISTRY NUMBER</b> (10 DIGIT):
<b>FULL MAILING ADDRESS</b> (including Postal/Zip Code):	<b>BIRTHDATE</b> (YYYY-MM-DD):
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b> (required if getting Direct Deposit):	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> (including area code):
<b>PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:</b> <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	<b>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.</b>

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)

<b>X</b>	<b>Total Receipts:</b>
<b>Signature</b> <b>Date:</b>	<b>Amount: \$ 2,000.00</b>

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

### COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-CHILDREN (Newborn-17 Years) 2023-2024

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

Email: [cw@mncfn.ca](mailto:cw@mncfn.ca)

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

<b>X</b>	<b>Total Receipts:</b>
Parent/Guardian Signature Date:	Amount: \$ <b>2,000.00</b>

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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
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Department Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_





# MCFN CONSTITUTION

## WHAT IS IT?

### Constitution meaning

A constitution is the supreme law of a Nation. It is the highest form of law. A constitution creates, empowers, and regulates government. It is specific to our community.

## WHAT DOES IT COVER?

### What is the Constitution is based on?

The MCFN Constitution will set out the basic principles our government must conform to and the rights of our Members. It includes standard components, such as founding principles; description of government structures and offices; law-making powers; rights and freedoms of members.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

### Foundation of a Constitution

Having a constitution benefits the Members. It will describe MCFN and its framework for governance; outline the powers or jurisdiction of Council, as the governing authority; outline the powers or jurisdiction of the Members; describe the principles of MCFN; legitimize political authority; and protects our rights and freedoms. It will also be a building block to our future generations and law-making.

### Will this impact my inherent rights or funding?

The Constitution does not take away any of our rights or funding. It allows us to utilize our rights to move ahead in any area we require, so that we can begin to exercise our jurisdiction.

### Will this turn MCFN into a municipality?

The Constitution affirms our rights as a sovereign nation, and it is our collective acknowledgment of those fundamental rights and principles. Having a Constitution will affirm our nationhood. It will not make us like a municipality because it sets out the ideas of how the nation will be run, so it is much bigger than a municipality's power.

### Can Chief and Council make changes?

Chief and Council can suggest a change, but any changes would require 70 percent of the eligible voters to agree and register its consent. No changes will be made without formal notice of the Membership.

## OTHER FAQs:

**April 22nd, 2023 at the MCFN Community Centre.**

**Further questions can be sent to:**

**[Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca](mailto:Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca)**

## THE VOTE:



**The Mississaugas of the Credit and Niagara SPCA and Humane Society (NSPCA) have entered into an agreement to provide animal control services to the First Nation.**

**Services include:**



**An animal shelter facility for animals picked up by the animal control officer.**

**Animals will be held in accordance with Provincial laws.**



**An open call centre that responds to all calls and emergencies 9-5 Mon to Fri. After 5pm, and on weekends it is for emergencies only.**



**NSPCA shall charge residents an impound fee upon redeeming their animal (\$40 first impound, \$60 second \$90 third)**

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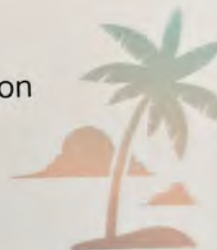
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