



EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

MCFN Member Cathie Jamieson designs Player of the Game sticks for Women's Worlds



Vision Statement in

Ojibwe:

Ezhi niigaan waabjigaayewaad Mississaugas of the Credit endawaad (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.

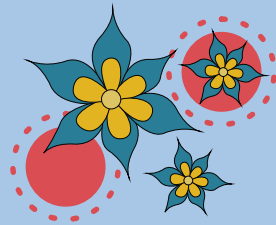
Eaglepress Newsletter



WHAT'S INSIDE

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 or submissions Contact: Gov.Comm@mncfn.ca



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GIMAA R. STACEY LAFORME



We want to take the time to say miigwech to all Members who had their voice heard at the MCFN Constitution Ratification Vote on April 22nd, 2023. The MCFN Chief and Council have officially accepted the results of the vote, and the Constitution has been passed. We see this as a historic moment for our First Nation, and we know there are questions amongst our Membership on how we move forward in a good way. Please read the full statement on page 3 regarding next steps.

Why can we not disagree without attacking

Why can we not have a difference of opinion without hating

Do we not realize that our children see us, our grandchildren hear us

They love us and want to be us

Do we want them to be us?

To carry this generational trauma for another generation

We have a right to the anger but we must try and understand where it comes from or we will never heal, nor will our children

Do we not want it to end

If not for ourselves at least for them

Let them walk in the light

Don't be the one who holds them in the dark

Don't make them carry the pain and hurt of the past into their future and their children's future

It's time to stop this continual walk in pain and anger, time to stop hurting each other

It's time to be better

Once long ago we were

For our children we must be again

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



Aanii Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Members,

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We will be holding two information sessions in the coming weeks to address any concerns, dates will be shared shortly. We are listening to your comments and we want to assure our Members:

Rights

The Constitution does not take us out of the Indian Act – but we are now able to make decisions together that will eventually lead us to taking steps away from the limitations of the Indian Act.

The Constitution describes MCFN's framework for Governance, and it will also be a building block to our future generations and law-making, the Constitution was left broad so we can continue to grow as a First Nation.

We can assure our Members that **this does not take away your Status, or funding**. It allows us to utilize our inherent rights to move ahead in any area we require, so that we can begin to exercise our jurisdiction.

The Vote

The official numbers are attached to this statement.

Spoiled Ballots: marked incorrectly - with their initials or written on them.

Rejected: a mail-in ballot with no declaration or witness.

Unused: ballots prepared for in-person vote that were not used.

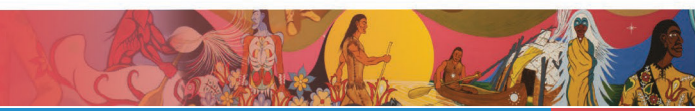
We are looking forward to seeing you at the information sessions and having conversations with anyone who has further concerns moving forward.



Chief and Council
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road, Hagersville, ON, N0A1H0



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



BALLOT TALLY SHEET

Ratification Vote Date: April 22, 2023

TOTAL BALLOT TALLY PER PHYSICAL COUNT: 235

VALID BALLOTS: 215

SPOILED BALLOTS: 5

REJECTED BALLOTS: 15

UNUSED BALLOTS: 115

TOTAL BALLOT TALLY: 350

YES 128

NO 87

SIGNED Margaret Sault
(Signature of Ratification Officer)

WITNESS [Signature]
(Signature of Witness)

COMMUNITY WELLNESS 2023-2024



LANDS, MEMBERSHIP AND RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT

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

Email: 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





On behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Margaret Sault for 46 years of dedicated employment with the MCFN, and to say congratulations on her retirement.

Margaret was the Director of Lands, Membership, and Research for MCFN since 1977, prior to her role as Governance Director this past year. In her career Margaret has successfully settled four land claims, developed several educational tools and given talks on MCFN history, and has guided the MCFN in their work towards self-governance beyond the Indian Act.

She has represented MCFN as a Councillor, and as a valued member on various committees and boards. She actively volunteers and fundraises in the Community, and co-founded the “New Credit Cancer Support Group” in 2017. For the past 11 years Margaret has played a large part in organizing the Historical Gathering where crowds of hundreds have gathered to learn the history of the First Nation from various speakers.

I speak for everyone who knows Margaret when I say we would not be the First Nation we are today without her 46 years of hard work, dedication, and loyalty. We truly appreciate your commitment to preserving the history of this First Nation, and everything you have accomplished for the overall betterment of the Community.

Congratulations and chi-miigwech Margaret! We wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme





MCFN SPECIAL EVENTS AND CULTURE UNIT SPEAKER SERIES

**“MEET THE FLINTSTONES
AN ARCHAEOLOGY DISPLAY OF NORTH AMERICA”**

W/ MARK LAFORME

WHERE: 659 NEW CREDIT RD.
MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHEN: MAY 30TH 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING PRESENTATION AS WE LOOK AT A ONE OF A KIND, PERSONAL COLLECTION OF ARROWHEADS AND FLINT OF MCFN MEMBER MARK LAFORME.

Open to MCFN Community Members.

Registration not Required

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: JAI.KING-GREEN@MNCFN.CA



Congratulations to MCFN Members who will be representing our Nation and Team Ontario! Carly Sardine (National Aboriginal Hockey Championship (NAHC)), Ashlee LaForme (NAIG 2023 - Softball), and Andrew Rose (NAIG 2023 - Volleyball)!

If you or a Member you know was selected to compete please submit their name and photo for the next Newsletter!

CULTURE AND HISTORY



MCFN Member Cathie Jamieson painted hockey sticks to be given to the player of the game during the IIHF Women's World Championships in Brampton, Ontario

Currently living on Manitoulin Island in Wikwemikong Unceded Territory, Cathie previously served as the elected leader in the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation community from 2015 to 2021.

Her stick design came from the thought of movement and features an eagle, a bird that is regarded in Anishinaabe teachings and creation stories as a messenger. The colour nodes represent the life cycles of creation, and the floral plants depict growth in life.

Congratulations Cathie!

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited Gi-Chi-Twaa Gimaa Nini Mississauga Anishinaabek AName Amik (The King's Anisnihaabek Sacred Place), where we participated in a Council with representatives of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

This marked the first visit by a member of The Royal Family to the Chapel Royal at Massey College, and was a unique opportunity for dialogue to examine how The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Canada can work to support Indigenous youth.



Who do you admire? Who inspires you? Who brings pride to our Nation?

Nominations are OPEN!

Trailblazer Award

This award recognizes an individual who has provided service to the MCFN by increasing MCFN profile or status with external communities, influencers and partners.

Community Volunteer Award

This award recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding generosity, resulting in service or support to MCFN through their time, actions, talents and dedication.

Soaring Eagle Award - NEW!

This award recognizes a youth (18 and under) who has shown outstanding generosity, resulting in service or support to MCFN through their time, actions, talents and dedication.

*Awards can be made posthumously to family members.

*Current elected Council members are not eligible

DEADLINE: JULY 15 2023 TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THESE AWARDS, APPLICATIONS HERE:

<https://mncfn.ca/mcfn-recognition-committee/>



COUNCIL UPDATES

Aaniin kina-weyaa (hello everyone),

First an introduction for those of you that do not know me. My name is Fawn Sault. I am a Councillor and the Lead for Pillar 3, Environment, Sustainability and Stewardship. I am a single mother of an 18-year-old son. I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. I built my home here on reserve approximately 10 years ago and have lived in the community for almost 19 years. My father was Roger Sault and my mother is Debbie Sault. I have four siblings Eric, Adam, Meghan and Jessica. When we were children our parents would bring us to visit our family at MCFN every year. When I had my son, I decided I did not want to raise him in Detroit and brought him home.

My educational background: Environmental Technician Diploma, Adult Indigenous Education Certificate and I am currently studying Horticulture and Landscape Design at the University of Guelph.

I have worked as the Environmental Technician in Community Health, in Lands, Membership and Research (LMR) as a Field Liaison (not what it was called at the time), in LMR as the Geo-tech assistant (which was basically consultation and accommodation), and in the Department of Consultation and Accommodation since it was created as the Consultation Manager.

I have created the table below on some of the different projects or issues that I work on under my pillar and council for you to have a look at. I work with staff, Chief and other councillors on most of these projects. Team work is needed for all of our work. Please feel free to reach out and ask any questions you have or if you are not too far away, I am willing to meet for coffee or tea and have a chat. I can be reached at 289-680-8562 or 905-869-8505, FawnS@mncfn.ca. Feel free to text me as well.

	Pillar #3 Update – April 20, 2023 Projects	Description	Next Steps
1	Fruit Trees and Berry bushes on band owned land for community	Areas have been selected and approved.	Have Walker test soil so we can prep. Walker is also going to provide compost for both areas.
2	Community Farm and Greenhouse Plan	Received approval for selected area. Will be working with appropriate departments for planning.	Meet with Pillar #2 & 3 Committees, local farmers & knowledge keepers to map out what Phase 1 looks like. Bring back to Council for approval.
3	Env. Policy for on Reserve	Received approval to work on it with WSP	Meeting date is March 23 rd with Gov and WSP.

		Canada, a consulting company.	*Also spoke with Nadine L. about Manitoulin's plan to work with municipality to handle charges regarding enforcement. Nadine will send contact. Ongoing**
4	Process for accepting resources and what the process could look like considering the lack of capacity on reserve.	Discussed at Pillar 3 mtg. Need to develop a plan for approval.	Ongoing
5	Work with Gov. to develop an Env. Dept.	Ongoing	
6	Land Claims Committee with Pillar 7	Ongoing	RRVT (Rouge River Valley Tract), Treaties 22/23
7	Negotiation Committee with Pillar 7	Ongoing	RRVT(Rouge River Valley Tract), Treaties 22/23 Upcoming meetings in Ottawa. March 26-28. Great learning opportunity. This meeting went well. An update for the community will be coming in the near future.
8	Gov Pillar Committee mtgs. And RRISD Committee – Recognition of Indigenous Rights and self determination	Ongoing	Constitution, Election Policy, creation of a land acquisition policy
9	Lands, Membership and Research	Ongoing	Transfer Policy
10	Niagara Climate Change Action Network	This group facilitates and implements climate change adaptations across the Niagara Region	MCFN can utilize this group and its information to plan for our community and be proactive when combating climate change.
11	Wildlife Conservation Society	Met regarding Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) across Canada. They have no teeth,	Need to develop that relationship more. Possible help with protecting KBA's in our Treaty Territory.

		<p>no enforcement, but they do have resources.</p> <p>*Carolinian Zone Priority Place Discussions – Can the Yorklands Greenhub mention they are working with MCFN to create an application to Parks Canada for this area to become an urban park?</p> <p>Last Meeting was March 30</p>	<p>Gain access for harvesting etc. May develop our own KBA</p> <p>*Parks Canada has an initiative to create six urban parks. City of Guelph has the Yorklands Greenhub, apparently also up for sale for development. We could partner possibly with PC to create another urban park. Environmental Conservation. Just under 300 acres.</p> <p>**Also, possible funding to have our creeks assessed using species at risk dollars (reptiles and amphibians to be exact)</p>
12	Birds Canada	Supporting the protection of Dunnville Marshes	May have an ongoing spot for a Post Secondary student in the summer.
13	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA)	Meet with Natalie for Lunch on March 22 nd .	NPCA is going to assist with the rehabilitating the Veterans Mound and the gardens around the Council House once the restoration work is complete.
14	Riverwood Conservancy	Will get a map of the areas and who owns it. City of Toronto and CVC (Credit Valley Conservation). What is protected and if its not how do we ensure its protection?	Tour this summer, harvesting opportunities, they have ceremony space and are talking about creating an area for a sweat lodge with indigenous contact from a local indigenous group who already uses the space for full moon ceremony.
15	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Letter of support for Lathrop Rehabilitation	Opportunity to visit sites in Treaty Territory this summer. Tour of two sites

			with DOCA and Pillar 3 Committee on April 21. Properties available for harvesting opportunities.
16	Projects with Major Projects Unit *Ontario Place – Therme, Land Inc. Ontario *Waterfront Toronto – Port Lands Flood Protection, *Destination Playground, *Jim Tovey Lakeview Connector *Metrolinx	*Attend meetings and provide environmental support and input. *Support Env. Reviews *Also input on design for some aspects of the project.	Ongoing
17	Restorative Justice Training	Begins March 24th	Complete – Training will be implemented throughout the organization.
18	Lands, Membership and Research	Need to hire someone to review our by-laws and update them.	
19	Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee	I have attended one meeting and had orientation. It went well. Next meeting is set for March 30th	This group has data about what areas of surface and perhaps ground water that is under threat or where it is improving etc. what impacts are anticipated and what we can do
20	Relationship Building with other groups/projects: Humber Watershed Planning Committee, Etobicoke Watershed Planning Committee, Humber River Centre Design, GRCA (Grand River Conservation Authority), CVC (Credit Valley Conservation)	Watershed planning deals with flooding issues, erosion control, land use and impacts.	Various benefits: resources, harvesting, ceremony space, Seedlings, seeds, plants, etc. information available may be applicable on reserve. Input into watershed planning in our Treaty Territory.
21	University of Guelph students, City of Brampton and Community Group	Dorchester Park restoration plan	Ongoing – We all met and hammered out some details. Made some connections

			with groups that have the same mindset.
22	Assist Biodiversity Group	*Connect with Ecosource they may be a good resource for Farm, garden, greenhouse plans	Provide educational speakers, plants, trees etc. for community.
23	Dr. McLeans Friendship Garden – City of Vaughan -	Garden plan, Darin W, Erma F. and I met with them and discussed plants and history.	There will be planting, a potluck, and a speaker mid May. Article to be written for their small paper. Asked that we review before print and include article and pictures for our newsletter.
24	Culture and Design Committee	Ongoing – input on numerous projects	
25	Haldimand County	Plan for the New Active Living Center	Ongoing
26	Inquire health and environmental impacts from the new tower.	Ongoing	
27	Set up workshops for the community on different topics.	Bobolinks and other endangered birds. Habitat etc. Invasive species, Bats..	Ongoing
28	Tall porch garden boxes for elderly. Enough to hold two plants.	Look into supplies and how many we may need. Soil and plants. Need approval.	Ongoing
29	Powwow Committee	Assist powwow committee however I can.	Ongoing

THREE FIRES HOMECOMING



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



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**

1ST INAUGURAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW

MICHI SAAGIIG ANISHINAABE (UNITED CELEBRATION)

Aambe!

June 21st

Open Call for Mississauga Nation

Food Vendors & Artisans

Mississauga Celebration Square

300 City Centre Dr, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1



Call **289-440-8672** for more details, to book accommodations, bus transportation and registration for dancers. Honorarium provided.

Or email: stephanie@mississauganation.com,
veronica@mississauganation.com



Aaniin Michi Saagiig anishinaabe

Event registration ([google.com](https://www.google.com)) form required and deadline:

May 25, 2023

Details on bus transportation, accommodation, dancers, artisans, food, Veterans, etc.

Call Stephanie Laforme 905-768-1921
or by email

stephanie@mississauganation.com

or email

Veronica King-Jamieson

veronica@mississauganation.com



Northcrest & MCFN



PRESENTS:

Saturday Night

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Smoke Signals

A Film by Chris Eyre

Registration required by May 10

tinyurl.com/MCFNDriveInMovie



May 13, 2023



8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



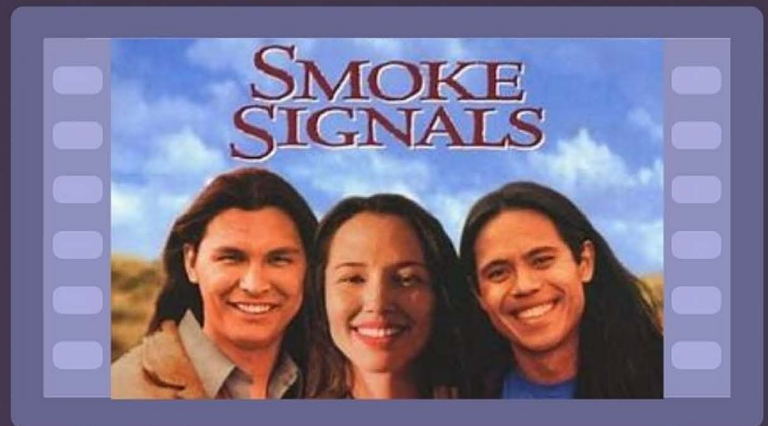
30 Hanover Road,
North York



Family friendly event

Transportation provided for
MCFN members

All event donations
will go to an MCFN
student bursary



May 2023 @ Social & Health Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ASP= After School Program YG=Youth Group	1 ASP 3:15-4:45 Yoga at CC 6-7pm Woman's Group 6-9 Foot Care with Fran	2 ASP 3:15-4:45 Men's Group 6-9 Woman's all day shop Foot Care with Fran	3 ASP 3:15-4:45 12-2Breastfeeding Support Group Foot Care with Fran	4 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 6-8 6-8pm C.L.A.S.S. 12-2PM Men's all day shop Foot Care with Fran	5 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 3-5 5:30- 7:30 HS 8-11pm Foot Care with Fran	6
7	8 ASP 3:15-4:45 Yoga at CC 6-7pm Woman's Group 6-9	9 ASP 3:15-4:45 Water Collection Reflexology Infant Massage Men's Group 6-9 Spring Fling Outing	10 ASP 3:15-4:45 Reflexology	11 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 6-8 6-8pm Men's Shop C.L.A.S.S. 6-8	12 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 3-5 5:30- 7:30 HS 8-11pm Pet Wellness 10am to 6pm	13 Mother's Day Photo's 9am to 4pm @ S/HS
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21	22 VICTORIA DAY BREAD & CHEESE DAY	23 ASP 3:15-4:45 Infant Massage Water Collection Men's Group 6-9	24 ASP 3:15-4:45 Cancer Care Coach @ Plaza 9-3	25 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 6-8 6-8pm Senior Outing C.L.A.S.S. 6-8	26 ASP 3:15-4:45 YG Grade 3-5 5:30- 7:30 HS 8-11pm Shelter Hep "C" 1-3 @ S/HS	27
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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

MAY 12, 16 & 17- DOG DAYS
MAY 19TH- CAT DAY ONLY
10AM-6PM EACH DAY

**\$20 per pet for
Registered
MCFN Members**



**Pre-pay CASH ONLY at the Community Health Office,
659 New Credit Road, Building #2, Hagersville, ON:
Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. You will be given the
first available appointment. Call Janice or Laura-Lee
for further information at: (905) 768-0141**

**Services included in
your pre-paid
appointment are:**

- Physical exam
- Vaccinations
- Microchip
- Deworming
- Heartworm & tick testing for dogs



**Additional cost for flea &
tick medication as well as
ProHeart injection.**

**Clinics will be held at:
MCFN Community Center
659 New Credit Road
Building #4, Hagersville, ON**

DO YOU HAVE A HOUSING RELATED
EMERGENCY? ARE YOU CONSIDERED
LOW-INCOME OR IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL
ASSISTANCE?

WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP!

TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FUND

CONTACT LINDSAY SAULT
TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

905-768-1181



NIBWAAKAAWIN (WISDOM)

DISCOVER YOUR POSTSECONDARY and CAREER PATH WITH OUR TUITION-FREE ACCESS PROGRAM

Nibwaakaawin is a **tuition-free** career and education exploration course that involves five days of classes (partly online, partly in-person) coupled with a week of one-on-one career coaching.

Life has ups and downs for lots of different reasons. **Nibwaakaawin** helps you take a step back to ask questions, like "Who am I?", "What is important to me?" and "What will make me happy?"

This program will help you figure out what career and/or educational pathway will be the best fit for you.

Nibwaakaawin stems from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and George Brown College in 2022. The MOU outlines several initiatives, such as the creation of this program, to increase support and collaboration with our Treaty Partners in the spirit of reciprocity.

Classes will be partly online, partly in-person. In-person classes will take place at the following location:

MCFN Community Centre
659-4 New Credit Road,
Hagersville, ON

Classes: **June 14th-23rd**
Mentoring Sessions: **June 26th-30th**

To apply, email Sherry Lickers:
Sherry.Lickers@georgebrown.ca



**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 or 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 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.

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.

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 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.**

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**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)				
For Lands Membership Use Only		Sent to LRM on:		
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 _____		
For Child Care Office Use Only				
Date received:		Time received:		Priority:
_____	_____	_____	_____	
Parent initial _____	Office initial _____	Parent initial _____	Office initial _____	

CC Parent _____ Entered on wait list _____ entered on wait list summary _____
 Updated March 2023

From the Post-Secondary Desk

So, the applications are coming in, and we are busy! If you are considering post-secondary, please read the PSSP Handbook on our website under Lifelong Learning. That contains the rules we operate under, the priorities we base decisions on, and your How-To for planning your educational strategy. It tells you what the deadlines are and what information is required. You can even walk into the office and ask for a hard copy. We will be happy to print one for you.

If you are a band member, you can apply for funding. We can only fund schools recognized by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). There is a limit to how many years you can attend each level, but did you know you could attend a recognized preparatory program? Education is not only for the young, fresh out of high school. Even the University of Toronto has a Transitional program, so why not check and see if there is one for your area of interest?

ISC requires a yearly application; students must update their info each semester. Still, even students who fail something and end up owing money can continue, provided they are making payments. We want to see our students go on to be successful, nailing down the career of their choice. Obviously, not everyone will take the same path, but we at Lifelong Learning hope your path brings you joy.

Student Spotlight, May 2023

Name, program, school. In residence?

Dakota Tobicoe, Mental Health and Addictions. Canadore College, not in residence.

What was your biggest surprise? (about PS versus secondary school OR your particular school OR ??) Nothing really caught me off guard but the workload was heavy.

What has your journey been like?

Long and tumultuous. A lot of battles uphill but finally graduated.

Have some advice for others?

Don't quit, put your head down and keep trucking there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Where might your course take you in your future?

I am going to be attending Criminology at Laurier this coming fall. Wish me luck.

Congrats to Dakota who was also a recipient of the Gimaa Laforme poetry contest!





Department of Lifelong Learning

Grand Erie District School Board – MCFN Trustee

We are seeking a MCFN Trustee for the Grand Erie District School Board for the 2022-2026 term, there is a time commitment of an evening meeting every month. This is a paid Trustee position of \$10,000.00 per year.

The applicant must be a registered MCFN member.

Please include in your package:

- Letter of interest stating any experience you wish to share and;
- Include a copy of your resume.

We are requesting applications to be submitted to Patti Barber, Director of Lifelong Learning at Patti.Barber@mncfn.ca by May 31, 2023.



Department of Lifelong Learning

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road, Building #3, Hagersville, ON



Phone: 905-768-7138



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

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



The Housing Department is seeking quotes from grass cutting contractors for the 2023 season, the season will generally run from early May to around September-October. Please have quotes in as soon as possible but no later than May 8, 2023.

The services that will be required are cutting the grass (may also include cutting the grass inside of the fenced-in yards) at the 2-Storey 5-plex, Phase II, Phase III, 8-plex, the 2 Senior Homes, and the 3 block rentals that are currently under construction. Trimming around the fenced pond and at ditches, rough cutting at the borders of the rental properties and removal of all clippings.

If you would like to schedule a site visit, please contact Raymond Hill-Johnson at the Housing Department 905-768-1133 or raymond.hill-johnson@mncfn.ca.

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

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	Total Receipts:
	Amount: \$ 2,000.00
<i>Signature</i> _____	<i>Date:</i> _____

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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

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):
PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING: <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 1 piece of minor ID and 1 piece of parent/guardian photo ID.

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

-----**Do not write below this line. For Office Use Only**-----

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 _____



NOTICE: STATUS CARD WALK-INS

Starting May 11, 2023 Lands, Membership & Research will accept walk-ins for status card renewals/replacements, appointments are no longer needed.

Status cards are issued Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 3pm only. Please also note the office will close for lunch from 12 pm – 1 pm.

You must have two pieces of valid ID when applying for a status card.

Valid ID includes:

- Drivers License
- Health Card
- Birth Certificate
- Employment ID with digitized photo
- Student ID with digitized photo
- Firearms License
- Previous status card (less than 6 months expired)
- Passport (counts as 2 pieces of ID)

If you do not have the proper valid ID we will not be able to issue you a new status card.

Any questions, please call LMR at 905-768-0100.

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

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MAILING: Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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



Phone: (905) 768-0100

Fax: (905) 768-7311





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)

**CALL NUMBER:
1 888 222 0568
Option 3**



REMINDER: THE WARM WEATHER IS HERE AND PEOPLE ARE OUT WALKING OR RIDING BIKES, SO FOR THEIR SAFETY PLEASE HAVE YOUR DOGS TIED UP.

AS PER THE BYLAW RESPECTING THE CARE AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS ON MCFN: EVERY OWNER OF A DOG SHALL KEEP THE DOG ON A LEASH, OR SAFELY TIED UP AT ALL TIMES; ALL OTHER ANIMALS MUST BE CONTAINED ON OWNERS' PROPERTY BY A FENCE OR OTHER CONFINING MECHANISM.

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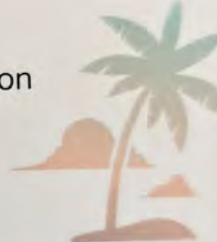
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