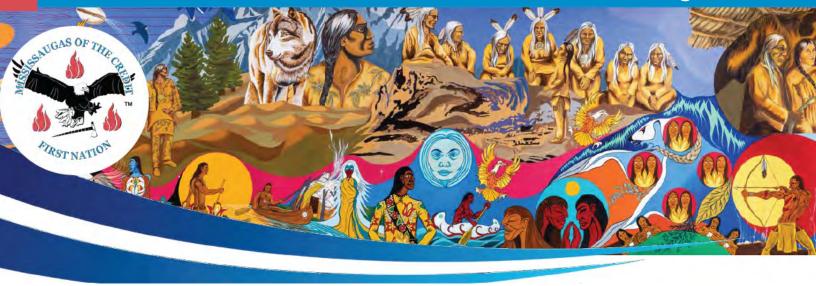
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## **EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER**

From the Community Centre to Centre Stage:



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

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



#### **Eaglepress Newsletter**

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

The Eaglepress will continue to evolve with new features and information. If you have suggestions or submissions, contact: victoria.gray@mncfn.ca

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#### **MESSAGE FROM OGIMAA KWE**

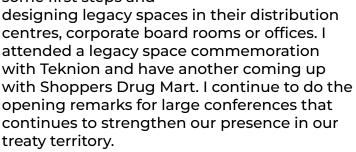
#### OGIMAA KWE CLAIRE SAULT

We are halfway through the summer and summer is always a busy season for our Nation. I'm super grateful that we have so many volunteers that step up to assist in our annual events in the GTA especially. We have several annual activities that our Nation partakes in that require conscious focus and prioritization across all departments. So, I appreciate that staff and volunteers step up to make these huge events and activities happen on behalf of MCFN.

Some highlights from this past month's work: We attended the meeting with the Prime Minister and meeting with Chiefs of Ontario (night before) in Ottawa regarding bill C5. I was disappointed that the bill passed without any opposition. Passing of Bill C-5, One Canadian Economy Act, will remove trade barriers, expedite nation-building projects, and unleash economic growth, with Indigenous partnership at the centre of this growth. Although we know from past experience that consultation with us has not always been the case. The PM also announced that he will consider the feedback of the treaty rights holders only. We are proactive and diligently pursuing every avenue we can to stay in the forefront of relevant Member of Parliaments minds. I have a meeting with Minister Alty of Crown-Indigenous Relations coming up this month to expand specifically on our MCFN position and perspective. I also attended a reception with The Duke of Edinburgh, held in celebration of Ontario's emerging leaders. I was proud to be joined by two outstanding MCFN youth, Holly Laforme and Nathaniel Sault.

I had very productive meetings with Mayor, Chow, Mayor Parish and others. Toronto and MCFN are working on a more robust MOU that incorporates all relevant departments of MCFN. Mayor Parish and I discussed my desire to have MCFN's presence known in a much bigger way. We'll continue our discussions on a long-term visionary plan with the city of Mississauga. I also attended two events with

Mayor West of Richmond Hill and one with Mayor Steven Del Duca of Vaughan. I'm also happy that we have so many corporations who are working on some first steps and



I've had a few meetings with Pearson airport and continue to work closely with senior airport executives to ensure that our presence is known to all visitors. They are working on the long-term plan for the next ten years and making the airport more of a welcoming place.

Several of our Nation members participated in the opening of Biidaasige Park in Toronto, which means "sunlight shining toward us" in Anishinaabemowin. It is a 50-acre greenspace that lines the new mouth of the Don River. Tons of visitors were recently welcomed to Toronto's newest island, Ookwemin Minising (formerly known as Villier's Island), to celebrate the opening of the island's marquee attraction, Biidaasige Park—the largest park to open in Toronto in a generation. This project was initiated, and our Nation was engaged very early on. It was a proud moment for me and a must see of you can make the time.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you at the Pow Wow!

#### **MESSAGE FROM OGIMAA KWE**

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

IRSS Telephone Support Line: 1-800-721-0066

**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



#### Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) & Council – Attendance July 2025

As per Chief & Council Honorarium Policy, Chief & Councillors allowed, per calendar year:

- 2 weeks of vacation (Two Tuesdays) (3 weeks of vacation for Chief)
- · 3 weeks of sick (Three Tuesdays)
- · 1 week of bereavement (1 Tuesday)



Chief / Councillor	Absent from: Name of Meeting and Date	Sick / Vac/Bereavement Used
Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault	Tues. July 22/25 Infrastructure Environ. Stewardship Counc. Mtg.	Away on other Council Business but joined mtg. via Teams at 10:30 am.
	Tues. July 29/25 Lifelong Learning Counc. Mtg.	Away on other Council Business but joined the meeting via Teams at 10:00 am
Erma Ferrell		
Fawn Sault	Tues. July 29/25 Lifelong Learning Counc. Mtg.	Joined the meeting via Teams
Larry Sault		
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	Tues. July 8/25 Fin. Counc. Mtg.	Joined the meeting via Teams
	Tues. July 22/25 Infrastructure Environ. Stewardship Counc. Mtg.	Away on other Council Business
Jesse Herkimer		
Ashley Sault	Tues. July 8/25 Fin. Counc. Mtg.	Away on vacation
	Tues. July 15/25 Intergov. Relations. Counc. Mtg.	Joined the meeting via Teams
	Tues. July 22/25 Infrastructure Environ. Stewardship Counc. Mtg.	Joined the meeting via Teams

#### ROUGE RIVER VALLEY TRACT PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION – MEMBER INFO COLLECTION

Peace Hills Trust (PHT) is starting early collection of Member information to help ensure a smooth distribution process.

#### **KEY INFO:**

Application and Release Form, and Claim Process Information will be available on the Members Only section of mncfn.ca starting June 16, 2025.

Portal access requires a member account.

Reminder: Funds may not be available until March 2026. An official distribution date will be announced once funds are accessible.

Stay informed and prepared—visit the Members Only portal for updates.



#### mncfn.ca

NOTE: The Rouge River Application and Release Form is fully separate from the annual Community Wellness payment that goes out in April. This distribution won't replace or impact the Community Wellness payment in any way.

If you've created an account on the Member's Site in the past and it's not letting you log in, please email communications@mncfn.ca with the email address that you used previously.

## Eligibility For PCD Under The Rouge River Valley Tract Claim



To qualify, an individual must be a "Qualifying Member" as defined in the Trust Agreement:

#### **DEFINITION OF A QUALIFYING MEMBER**

#### YOUTH

- · Child (< 18 years of age) of a Member
- If born before April 12, 2023, must have been a registered Member on April 12, 2025 (the day of the vote)
- Those born between April 12, 2023 and April 12, 2025 must become a registered Member by April 12, 2026

#### **ADULTS**

- · 18+ years of age
- Was alive on April 12, 2025 (the day of the Vote)
- Was a registered Member on April 12, 2025

The MCFN Chief and Council cannot be held responsible if ISC has not registered your child by April 12, 2026.

#### **DEFINITION OF A MEMBER**

A person whose name appears on the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) registry list for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

#### **IMPORTANT**

- **Grace Period:** Council included a 1-year grace period (until April 12, 2026) for children born in the 2 years before the Vote to be registered with ISC.
- · Ineligible Cases:
  - · Children born after April 12, 2025 are not eligible (not alive on Vote day).
  - Children born before April 12, 2023 who were not registered by April 12, 2025 are also ineligible.
- Release Forms (Applications): A Qualifying Member CANNOT submit a Release Form (Application) on behalf of a minor.



#### **COUNCILLOR, LESLIE MARACLE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our National Indigenous Peoples Day activities! Your support, spirit, and presence made the day a great success. A special thank-you goes out to all the community members who stepped up to help—your contributions were truly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Fry Bread Champion, Rebecca Hill!

And to our Poker Walk winners:

1st Place – Kris-Ann McDonald 2nd Place – Rebecca Hill 3rd Place – Lauren King

Well done to all who took part!

We're now looking ahead to the West Haldimand Hospital and Healthcare Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament, happening on Thursday, September 11 at Monthill Golf & Country Club. I am looking for one youth (aged 15–29) and one senior (aged 60+) who have an interest in golf and would be proud to represent MCFN at the event. This is a great opportunity to engage with the wider community while enjoying a day on the greens.

If you're interested, please text Leslie at 519-717-7205 with your first and last name and a brief message about your interest in golf.

The deadline to apply is August 16th.

Chi-Miigwech for your continued involvement and support in our community initiatives!





#### **COUNCILLOR, ERMA FERRELL**

#### **BILLY BISHOP AIRPORT FLAG RAISING**

On June 19, 2025 I attended Billy Bishop Airport to participate in their Flag Raising to recognize the First Nation on Indigenous People's Day. The staff of Billy Bishop and Ports Toronto have been friends of our Nation for many years. Thank you to all the staff who welcomed me and acknowledged the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.



Fort York staff and Toronto
Museum Services have
been friends of the
MCFN for more than
fifteen years. Fort York
Staff and Toronto Museum
Staff began working with the
MCFN to acknowledge the First Nations
who fought in the War of 1812 against
the Americans. Since 2010 Fort York Staff
and Museum Staff continue to include
Members of MCFN in projects and events.
Thank you to Craig King for his assistance
in raising the Flag at Fort York.



#### **FORT YORK**

On June 20, 2025, our day began with an Ojibway Prayer and Hand Drum song by our Member Cathie Jamieson.



Opening remarks were provided by former Councillor Veronica King Jamieson, Karen Carter/Toronto Museum Services and I provided welcoming remarks on behalf of MCFN.





Admission Fee: \$5 Children under 6 get in free

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PERMITTED. NO PETS ALLOWED.

Please be respectful of Mother Earth and bring a water bottle—none will be provided as we aim for a zerowaste event.

For more information email powwow@mncfn.ca or call the Library/Cultural office at 905-768-1921

#### Where:

MCFN Pow Wow Grounds 2789 Mississauga Rd Hagersville, Ontario

#### When:

August 23rd-24th, 2025
Entertainment Night: Aug 22nd
Gates open at 11 a.m.
Grand Entry is at 1 p.m.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

5 PM



MCFN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

5:45 PM



**RED LAFORME** 

6:30 PM



**SAM LAFORME** 

7:15 PM



THE RANDY SAVAGES

9 PM



**JORDAN JAMIESON • MR. SAUGA** 

9:45 PM



**BURL LAFORME • SOULSHINE** 

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#### MCFN Showcases Culture at Niagara Health Marotta Family Hospital

MCFN had the opportunity to fill display cases at Marotta Family Hospital in St. Catharines with a selection of cultural items that reflect the traditions, history, and identity of our Nation throughout the month of June.

The display featured a range of meaningful items that helped educate and engage hospital staff, patients, and visitors. As the hospital is located on MCFN treaty lands (Between the Lakes, Treaty no. 3), this initiative was a powerful opportunity to share our culture and presence with the broader community.

The hospital received incredibly positive feedback from the community, who expressed their appreciation for the chance to learn more about Indigenous peoples through the items and stories shared.

Chii-miigwech to Niagara Health – Marotta Family Hospital for the opportunity to share space and culture, and to Jodi Rock, Indigenous Health Liaison at MCFN for coordinating. We look forward to future collaborations that continue to support awareness, education, and reconciliation.



#### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

#### MCFN Youth Shines on the National Stage: Spotlight on Isaiah



Isaiah's
journey into
the world
of wrestling
began in
November
2023, when
he first
stepped onto
the mats
at Cayuga
Secondary
School. What
started as
a curious

exploration sparked by encouragement from his grandparents, Dale Sault and Mike Maracle, quickly turned into a deep passion. From the moment he began, Isaiah showed an incredible drive; not just to compete, but to **grow**.

Recognizing his potential and his undying hunger to improve, Isaiah began evening training sessions in Ancaster, pushing himself beyond the limits of a typical high school athlete. His dedication caught the attention of coaches at Brock University, where he was invited to train with their varsity team, which was an extraordinary achievement for someone so young.

Throughout 2024, Isaiah dominated the competition, earning multiple championship titles and making a name for himself in the wrestling community. Since January alone, he's added 14 medals to his collection, each one a testament to his relentless work ethic, natural talent and taste for victory.

Now, at just 16 years old, Isaiah is preparing to represent Team Ontario at the Canada Summer Games in August 2025, held in St. John's, Newfoundland. It's a remarkable milestone, but if you ask him about it, he'll likely shrug it off. That's just who Isaiah is—quietly determined, fiercely focused, and always striving to be better.

Despite his growing list of awards, Isaiah remains grounded. He often deflects praise, preferring to let his actions speak for themselves. But those who know him best can't help but beam with pride. His heart, spirit, and humility make him not just a phenomenal athlete, but an inspiring role model.

Isaiah's story is only just beginning, and if the past year is any indication, the future holds incredible promise.



Congratulations on everything you've achieved, Isaiah.
We can't wait to see what's next!



MCFN Caring Together Week - Call out for Retro Car/Truck Show!

Prize for "Best in Show" voted by MCFN Community Members

To register your Retro Car or Truck contact Amanda La Forme: Amanda.laforme@mncfn.ca or 905-768-1133 ext. 1241 by Friday, September 12th, 2025. Be sure to include: Your Name, MCFN Band Member (Yes or No), Phone Number, Email Address, and Vehicle Description (Year, Make, Model)!

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICES:

SIDEWALK WORK IN THE CORE AREA WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH. STARTING IN FRONT OF THE PEACEKEEPERS OFFICE AND CONTINUING PAST THE RUMPUS HALL, RECREATION COMPLEX, AND AROUND THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK ALONG THIS AREA AND BUILDING ACCESS ALONG THESE SIDEWALKS WILL BE LIMITED.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE WALKWAY RAMP ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY IS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 11, 2025, PENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

PARKING LOT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING BUILDINGS #3, A, B, C AND #5 WILL BE UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE UPGRADES OVER THE COMING WEEKS. ACCESS AND PARKING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC ZONES AT TIMES.

# Anti-Indigenous Discrimination in Retail Settings

## WHAT DISCRIMINATION LOOKS LIKE:

Discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly or denied the same access or opportunities as others because of personal traits like race, background, gender, disability, or family situation. It doesn't need to be obvious or intentional to have a negative effect.

## STEREOTYPING AND RACIAL PROFILING:

Stereotyping is assuming everyone from a group is the same. Racial profiling is when someone is treated differently because of their race, background, or religion, without any real reason. This kind of treatment can lead to discrimination, which is a serious issue.

#### **YOUR RIGHTS:**

The Ontario Human Rights Code protects people from discrimination in both public and private services. **Indigenous people are fully covered under this law.** 

#### **SOCIAL AREAS COVERED:**



PROTECTED GROUNDS

Age **Ancestry** Citizenship Colour Creed **Disability Ethnic Origin Family Status Marital Status Gender Identity Place of Origin** Race **Receipt of Public Assistance** Record of Offences (in employment only) Sex **Sexual Orientation** 

# IF YOU EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION:

#### **STAY SAFE**

Leave the situation if needed and connect with a local Indigenous support group.

#### WRITE IT DOWN

Note what happened, when, and who saw it.

#### **GET SUPPORT**

Contact the Human Rights Legal Support Centre for help.

#### **FILING A COMPLAINT:**

You have up to one year to file. You can:

#### **Visit Tribunals Ontario:**

https://tribunalsontario.ca/hrto/forms-filing

Call: 1-866-598-0322

#### **Visit Indigenous Services:**

https://tribunalsontario.ca/en/indigenous-services

Remember: You have the right to be treated fairly when accessing services. If something feels wrong, don't hesitate to speak up or reach out for support.

# FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SETTLEMENT

DROP-IN ASSISTANCE AT THE MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD ROOM:

Friday, August 8th • 12 - 5 p.m. Monday, August 11th • 5 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 19th • 2 - 7 p.m.

#### mncfn.ca

The first Claims Period for the First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement opened on March 10, 2025. Class Members of the **Removed Child Class** and the **Removed Child Family Class** can now submit a Claim for compensation.

If you have been involved in Child and Family Services/Child Welfare you may be eligible.





# MCFN POST SECONDARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WINTER 2026 ~ APPLICATIONS OPENING August 1st, 2025

https://mcfn.dadavan.com/student/pseapplication.jsp

Your next opportunity to apply for post-secondary funding is for the Winter 2026 term. The application process is simple, apply online by filling out all the sections and submitting your signed required documents. Applications will be accepted for the Winter 2026 term until October 1st, 2025.

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES:**

Academic Term of Enrollment	Application Due By:
Spring/Summer	February 1st
Fall	May 1st
Winter	October 1st

#### **CURRENT POST SECONDARY SPONSORED STUDENTS:**

It is vital that you ensure all your STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES are fulfilled! You will receive direct communication reminders throughout the academic year from the Post Secondary Advisor's office with important information & reminders. Read your emails so you don't miss out on any ongoing opportunities! It is your responsibility to ensure that your schedule is uploaded to your student documents prior to the start of the Fall '25 semester. Failure to submit your schedule may result in a hold being placed on your monthly living allowance until your required submission is received.

#### **DEADLINE DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROGRESS REPORTS:**

Semester	Deadline Date
Fall (September 1 to December 30)	January 10th
Winter (January 1 to April 30)	May 10th
Spring/Summer (May 1 to August 30)	September 10th

Our website is full of resources, it includes links to funders, information about funding, and websites that can assist with plotting your path through education. Please utilize these resources as they are there for you to take advantage of and refer to the policy for any clarification. We also offer various services such as, tutoring, childcare reimbursement, and a computer loan program. Please call the Department of Lifelong Learning if you have any questions at 905-768-0516. We look forward to assisting you reach your educational goals.

- The Department of Lifelong Learning

#### Secondary School Database & Busing Requirements

Dear Secondary Students and Families,

As we are preparing for the 2025-2026 academic school year, we are requesting your help to provide general information for our secondary school database and secondary school busing requirements.

We will contact students/parents about issues relating to:

- Busing
- Closures
- Cancellations
- Emergencies
- · Special Events & Activities

https://mncfn.ca/departments/lifelonglearning/

Student Name:
Student Email:
Student Phone #:
Parent/Guardian Names:
Parent/Guardian Email:
Road & Blue Number:
Grade in September:
School Attending:
Home Phone: Cell Phone:
Will your student be riding the bus? Circle: Yes / No
Please keep the Department of Lifelong Learning informed of changes in contact information.
Send the completed form to the Department of Lifelong Learning via email: LLClerk@mncfn.ca
Or drop off at the address below:
Department of Lifelong Learning 659 New Credit Road, Building #5 Hagersville, ON
NOTE: A fillable pdf of this document is available online at:

#### High School & Post-Secondary Student Supplies Needed

For the 2025-2026 school year, we will not be purchasing school supplies until we hear from you. We do not have room in the portable to store them. We are asking you to tell us what needs are regarding school supplies.

Student Name:
School and grade they attend:
Contact Info:
Check off only what they need:

Lined Paper (1 pack)
Pens, colours & how many?
Pencils, how many?
Ruler
Combination Lock
Correction Tape
Binder
Math Set
Scientific Calculator

<sup>\*</sup>If there is anything your child needs that is not on this list, write it down. The director will make the final decision.

#### This form is needed back ASAP.

Send the completed form as soon as possibly to the Department of Lifelong Learning via email: LLClerk@mncfn.ca

Or drop off at the address below:

Department of Lifelong Learning 659 New Credit Road, Building #5 Hagersville, ON

NOTE: A fillable pdf of this document is available online at: https://mncfn.ca/departments/lifelonglearning/

#### MCFN Sports & Agility Summer Camp



From July 2-4 & 7-11 15 MCFN band members between the ages of 10-18 participated in a high-intensity athlete development camp. They had the opportunity to participate in skill development of their individual sports as well as other sports, agility sessions, yoga and mobility sessions, strength sessions, and cultural and classroom sessions.

They were able to take three trips to Three Flames CrossFit, a trip to the Wayne Gretzky Centre for some hockey and skating, as well as our culminating trip to Activate in Burlington. Nutritious meals were provided daily by the food service team to keep the athletes' bodies fueled!

Athletes were able to learn about the traditional medicines and also participate in some hoop dancing. We had a lot of fun while getting fitter and stronger! Miigwech to everyone who helped make this camp a success!









#### **NEWS FROM MCFN EARLY YEARS**



# Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Highlights & Upcoming Events

Supervisor: Shannon King, RECE

Assistant Supervisor: Pamela Bomberry, RECE



We are super happy to inform everyone that our parking lot will be paved this summer. Please be mindful of the parking pylons and avoid driving in the construction areas. Also please be extra cautious when walking through the parking lot. The children have been excited watching all the construction vehicles.





We have been closely monitoring the Environment Canada site for heat and the air quality advisories for our area this month, when the humidity is too high and the air quality poor, we must ensure we are protecting the children by staying inside.

The children enjoyed the reptile show and morning of bouncy castles. Milgwech to KASA for including us in your summertime programs







#### **Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Registration Information**

#### 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 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' 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.

**Please Note:** Expectant parents are welcome to register their unborn child on the waiting list to be placed in priority sequence.

#### **NEWS FROM MCFN EARLY YEARS**

#### Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care Centre Highlights & Upcoming Events

Supervisor: Kate Shroder, RECE

Assistant Supervisor: Greg Montour, RECE

In July all the classes had fun on our Adventure Day. They got to see up close and feed the different farm animals that a local petting zoo brought around for the morning. A bouncy castle and a water play area were set up for the older children to use. The children had so much fun with the experience

they had on this day!



Other activities so far this summer have included the the wonderful world of boxes which the infants had fun painting and climbing on foam blocks. The Toddlers enjoyed drumming, painting, and riding bikes in the classroom on indoor days. The Preschool enjoyed trips to the gym to do gross motor activities, painting, and dance parties on those humid days







#### Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care Centre Registration Information

#### Wait List Eligibility Criteria and Procedure

The Waiting List application form is available through the Haldimand Norfolk County Childcare Registry (One List) <a href="https://onehsn.com/Haldimandnorfolk/Account/Register">https://onehsn.com/Haldimandnorfolk/Account/Register</a>

There is no charge for the waiting list application. Children are placed on the waiting list in accordance with the 'Priority Requirements Chart' and then by the date and/or time of the completed forms received by Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care (MMCC). When spaces become available, the family will be contacted by the MMCC Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor.

#### **NEWS FROM MCFN EARLY YEARS**



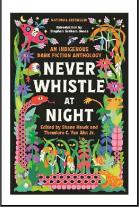
#### MCFN EarlyON **Highlights and Upcoming Events**

Are you looking to get out of the house? Meet and connect with other parents and caregivers? Or to give your children (aged 0-6) new experiences! Come on out to MCFN EarlyON! We are a free, warm and welcoming environment for you and your children to come and explore! Make sure to check out our monthly calendars in The Eagles Press or online! You can also follow our Facebook page, "MCFN EARLYON."

Children's Indigenous Reads book of the month:



**Indigenous Reads** book of the month:



Niibin (Summer) is here! We have been staying cool and enjoying the Nibi (water) and the splash pad here on MCFN! Every Friday we implement lots of water play/ outdoor play in our programs! We have started Summer Yoga for our caregivers. We child mind while our caregivers enjoy a relaxing, soothing time to unwind!

Biindigan to Jenna West, she will be joining us for the Summer. Megan will be in KASA Summer Camp and will return in September!

We went Flower picking at Windecker farms this month! The children picked beautiful vibrant bouquets. We also hosted an Adventure Play day at HSS! We had bouncy castles and a petting zoo!









ANISHINAABEMOWIN WORD OF THE MONTH: NIBI- WATER







#### **HSS Location**

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Our HSS location is in Hagersville Secondary School: 70 Parkview Road. Hagersville. Play and Learn is open weekdays from 9:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please see the calendar for upcoming events for this location. Please register on KeyON to attend. www.keyon.ca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2025

#### **HUB Location**

Our "HUB" location is in the LSK and Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Building: 659 New Credit Road Building 3C. Play and Learn is open weekdays from 9:00-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm. Join us every other Tuesday from 1:00pm-3:00pm and Family Dinner from 5:00-7:00pm

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Watch the calendar for the dates!

Please register on KeyON to attend: www.keyon.ca





#### EarlyON Family Insights of the Month: Hollie Bassi & Family

"We love EarlyON! I came with my two daughters in early 2024 and now we go all the time. They are always doing creative activities or crafts each day that the kids can participate in or they can always play in one of the different play areas that are changed regularly to keep it exciting. There is definitely something for everyone.

We also love attending outings with the EarlyON team like strawberry or flower picking, the splash pad, fire station etc.. Not only is the facility perfect but the staff are amazing. Everyone you come in contact with is always kind and smiling. Huge shout out to Megan and Lindsay, my girls love them so much, both are always willing to go along with my 4-year-olds wild imagination and help them every day. My girls always want to go but epically to see them, they make EarlyON so special!" – Hollie Bassi & Family



Registration is required for all our EarlyON programs. You can sign up through <a href="https://www.keyon.com">www.keyon.com</a>

If you need help, please feel free to call or email us! Our dedicated staff will be happy to assist

Jolene Hill, RSSW EarlyON Community Navigator Jolene.Hill@mnfcn.ca

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Early Years Program and Administrative
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For questions or concerns regarding any of our Early Years programs including Child Care, Kindergarten and KASA, EarlyON and Food Service please contact:

> Katharine Brown, B.ECL; RECE Early Years Administrator Katharine.Brown@mncfn.ca

#### **KASA Summer Camp**

We are having lots of fun at our Kindergarten Summer Camp, also known as KASA! We have lots of fun activities planned for the Summer. We are going on lots of exciting trips, Funzilla, Funvilla, Twin Valley Zoo, Kidtastic, Triple C Farm and having a reptile show! The children are interested in breaking rocks open to explore and discover fossils and different textures inside the rocks- they have a scale that they can measure the rocks on. They are also interested in dinosaur prints and fossils! Next month we are setting out a woodworking provocation! Stay tuned.



The children are loving the Outdoors and warm weather. Through July we have spent lots of time playing with the earth's natural medicines. water, sand, flowers and mud! The children have really rooted themselves in our program and continue to learn and thrive each day. We have built beautiful connections with our children here in KASA. We believe children learn through play and handson experiences! We provide lots of activities by following the child's lead/ interests and expand on them.



Miigwech to our dedicated staff who make all of this possible for our children!!







Birth

In order for your child to be registered on the Mississaugas of the Credit membership list you must register the birth with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). You can submit all required documents to the MCFN Lands & Membership Department or mail directly to ISC.

Only those entitled to registration on the MCFN membership list will be registered. ISC will notify you if your child is not eligible for registration.

#### **Marriage**

To register your marriage you must submit a request for amendment form, a copy of your marriage certificate and copies of your identification showing your married name. You can submit all required documents to the MCFN Lands & Membership Department or mail directly to ISC.

#### **Divorce**

To register your divorce you must submit a request for amendment form, a copy of your divorce certificate and copies of your identification showing your maiden name. You can submit all required documents to the MCFN Lands & Membership Department or mail directly to ISC.

# Life Events of Registered MCFN Members

LIFE EVENTS ARE BIRTHS,
MARRIAGES, DIVORCES, NAME
CHANGES AND DEATHS.

#### **Name Change**

To register a name change you must submit a request for amendment form, a copy of the name change certificate and copies of your identification showing your new name. You can submit all required documents to the MCFN Lands & Membership Department or mail directly to ISC.

#### Death

When a Mississaugas of the Credit member passes away the death must be registered with Indigenous Services Canada. If a death is not reported the deceased individual will remain on the MCFN membership list. You can submit a death certificate to the MCFN Lands & Membership Dept. or to ISC.

For more information call Lands and Membership at 905-768-0100

\* Please be aware there is a delay in all life events submitted to ISC.



Overview of Sections 6(1) and 6(2) of the Indian Act



**6(1)(a)** - Entitlement of person who was registered or entitled to be registered on or before April 17, 1985

**6(1)(a.1)** - Reinstatement of individuals whose names were omitted or deleted from the Indian Register, or a band list prior to September 4, 1951.

**6(1)(a.2)** - that person meets the following conditions:

(i) they were born female during the period beginning on September 4, 1951 and ending on April 16, 1985 and their parents were not married to each other at the time of the birth.

(ii) their father was at the time of that person's birth entitled to be registered or, if he was no longer living at that time, was at the time of death entitled to be registered, and

(iii) their mother was not at the time of that person's birth entitled to be registered;

**6(1)(a.3)** - that person is a direct descendant of a person who is, was or would have been entitled to be registered under paragraph (a.1) or (a.2) and

(i) they were born before April 17, 1985, whether or not their parents were married to each other at the time of the birth, or

(ii) they were born after April 16, 1985 and their parents were married to each other at any time before April 17, 1985;

**6(1) (b)** - Entitlement for individuals who are members of a group declared to be a Band after April 17, 1985

**6(1)(d)** - Reinstatement for an individual who was enfranchised by voluntary application prior to April 17, 1985

**6(1)(e)** - Reinstatement for an individual that was enfranchised prior to September 4, 1951 for reasons of living abroad for 5 or more years without the consent of the Superintendent General or becoming ministers, doctors, lawyers ("professionals" only until 1920)

6(1)(f) - Entitlement for children with both parents entitled to registration 6(2) - Entitlement for children when only one parent is entitled to registration under 6(1) and the other parent is not entitled to registration.

# Community Wellness Distribution 2025/2026

MCFN Council has approved \$1,500.00 for the 2025-2026 Community Wellness distribution.

LANDS AND MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

The 2025-2026 Community Wellness applications will be available in office (6 First Line) and online at www.mncfn.ca starting @ 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 2025.

#### THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL ONLY APPLY TO THE 2025-2026 COMMUNITY WELLNESS:

- Application forms and required documents will be accepted via email, mail, or in person at the Lands & Membership office (6 First Line) beginning April 1, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. A mail slot is available at the office for after-hours drop off.
- FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Quotes, estimates and/or receipts are **REQUIRED.** Quotes, estimates and/or receipts must be dated April 1, 2025 or later. If registered after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, quotes, estimates and/or receipts must be dated on or after the date of registration.
- The new 2025-2026 Community Wellness application form for \$1,500.00 must be used.
   Applications will not be accepted if other forms are used.
- Direct deposit is the preferred method of payment (CANADIAN ACCOUNTS ONLY). 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.
- Ensure the payment option is clearly indicated. Failure to clearly indicate cheque mail out or direct deposit will result in a delay in processing your application(s).
- If you have requested a cheque, it will be mailed to you. Please ensure your address is complete. Ensure to include street number, street name, city, postal/zip code, apt/unit number is applicable.
- Payments will be issued within 4 6 weeks, upon confirmation that all required documents have been received.

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

- Birth certificate
- Status card
- Health card
- Driver's license
- Provincial Photo ID Card

- Employee ID, with digitized photo
- Student ID, with digitized photo
- Firearms license
- Passport or Nexus card

Phone: 1-905-768-0100 Email: cw@mncfn.ca

Mailing address: LM/Community Wellness, 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0

#### Community Wellness Distribution New Application for Minors - 2025/2026

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#### COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-MINOR (Newborn-17 Years) 2025-2026

Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0 Email: cw@mncfn.ca

- \*\* All applications must include front and back copies/pictures of 1 piece of VALID minor ID and 1 piece of VALID parent/guardian photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is clearly visible.

  QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS ARE REQUIRED. MUST BE DATED APRIL 1, 2025 OR LATER. If registered after April 1st, 2025, quotes, estimates, and/or receipts must be dated on or after the date of registration.
- \*\* Custody, CAS, guardianship, decision-making authority documents etc. must be included with each minor application (if applicable). Payments for minor children will be issued to the applying parent/guardian.
- \*\* To avoid delays in processing, ensure that all sections are complete, application is signed and all required/supporting documents accompany your application. Ensure payment option is clearly indicated.

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#### Community Wellness Distribution New Application for Adults - 2025/2026

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#### **COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM - ADULT 2025-2026**

Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0 Email: cw@mncfn.ca

- \*\* All applications must include front and back copies/pictures of 2 pieces of VALID ID, one being photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is <u>clearly</u> visible. QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS ARE REQUIRED.

  MUST BE DATED APRIL 1, 2025 OR LATER. If registered after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, quotes, estimates and/or receipts must be dated on or after the date of registration.
- \*\* POA documents must be included with each application (if applicable). POA must also include front and back copies/pictures of 1 piece of VALID photo ID.
- \*\* To avoid delays in processing, ensure that all sections are complete and legible, application is signed, and all required/supporting documents accompany your application. Ensure payment option is clearly indicated.

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#### **SOCIAL & HEALTH AUGUST CALENDAR**

# AUGUST 2025 SOCIAL & HEALTH

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SUNDAY

8	FASD Awareness & Family Fun Golf Day 10am – Fescue's Edge Registration required	16	23	30
1 Euchre Summer Camp session 2	8 Euchre Summer Camp Session 2	15 Euchre	22 Euchre Summer Camp Session 3 OW Paperwork Due	29 Euchre Summer Camp Session 3
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WVSP - West Virus Surveillance Program Monday and Tuesday Mornings	6 BFSG 12-1:30 Beaded Earrings Summer Camp Session 3 Registration 6-7:30 Summer Camp Session 2	13 Beaded Earrings AIAI Elders Gathering	Summer Gamp Session 3 OW Paperwork Due	27 Medicines With Ashton Summer Camp Session 3
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Community Support BFSG = Breast Feeding Support Group Mental Health	4 Holiday Building Closed	11 Yoga 6-7	Summer Camp Session 3	25 Yoga 6-7 Summer Camp Session 3
Community Health Home & Community Care = HCC Ontario Works	R	10	17	30

# 13 MOONS - ANISHINAABE CALENDAR



# Anishinaabemowin Phrase of the Month contest!

Each month, we'll share a new Anishinaabemowin phrase on MCFN's Facebook and Instagram to incorporate into your daily life. Here's the phrase of the month for August:

### Aambe jiingtamok zhaadaa!

which means

Let's go to the pow wow!

Record yourself saying it and send the video to communications@mncfn.ca for a **chance to win a gift card**! To hear how the phrase is pronounced, visit our Facebook and Instagram pages for the video.

We're also posting a Word of the Week every Monday to keep the learning going.

Practice saying it, use it in your daily life, and keep the language alive!



# West Nile Virus Quick Facts



#### Did you know?

The best way to avoid becoming infected with West Nile virus is to **prevent mosquito bites**. Do this by:

- Wear long, light-coloured clothing
- Use sprays or lotions with DEET or lcaridin

#### Mosquitoes breed in standing water.

# To reduce mosquito habitats near your home:

- Remove standing water from places like tires, toys, flowerpots, and pools
- Clean eavestroughs regularly
- · Change pet/bird bath water often
- Tip fishing boats and gear onto their sides to drain
- Use screens on windows and doors

# How should you handle dead animals and wild birds?

If you find a dead animal, don't touch it with bare hands—always wear rubber gloves.

If you hunt or handle wild animals:

- Wear gloves
- · Cover any open cuts
- Wash gloved hands, then bare hands after contact

Report freshly dead crows, jays, magpies, large waterfowl, or raptors suspected to have West Nile to Community Health at 905-768-1181.

West Nile virus doesn't spread through eating fully cooked meat.



Free for all MCFN members and residents

All levels of yoga experience welcome and move at your own pace!

Bring your own yoga mat and water to each class

Participants must be at least 16 years old and everyone must sign a waiver

Pre-register with Laura-Lee: lauralee.kelly@mncfn.ca or call the Health office at: (905)-768-1181

#### Where?

MCFN Community Centre 659 New Credit Road

#### When?

August 5th, 11th & 18th September 4th, 8th & 22nd

6 - 7 p.m.

Dates are subject to change - please provide an email address for any notifications!





Roundtrip Transportation Provided from Social & Health – 659 New Credit Road

RSVP: 905-768-1181 x 4243 by Monday August 25th, 2025 at 12 p.m GRAND
RIVER BOAT
CRUISE FOR
MCFN
SENIORS!

September 9th & 10th, 2025

Bus Departs: 10 a.m. Bus Returns: 4 p.m.







like no other.

Pet Well-Being Appointments



# WHAT IS A PET WELL-BEING APPOINTMENT?

- Nonemergency outpatient appointment for your dog or cat
- Examination by a Veterinarian for minor ear, eye, skin and urinary tract infections, medications available at an extra cost
- Vaccinations to keep your pet up-todate (will be subsidized), flea & tick medications available at an extra cost Consultation/referral for other services needed to keep your pet healthy
- Questions or education regarding your pets health care needs
- Elderly dog and cat assessments and humane euthanasia
- Advice on how to manage unwanted pet behaviours and litters

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**Dates:** August 5th, September 8th, October 28th

Time: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Temporary Location:**Parking lot in front of Splash
Pad at 659 New Credit Rd

\$45/pet + meds DEBIT ONLY

Pre-pay for appointments at the Health Office: 659 New Credit Rd, Building #2



MCFN members can scan this QR code to book their appointments



NOTE: No session scheduled for August.

#### **BUSINESS SECTION**

The Business Section is free advertising for MCFN Members who own businesses. Take advantage of this free advertising!

CONTACT: victoria.gray@mncfn.ca



Monday to Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Everything homemade and cooked to order! Call to order or for catering

905.869.5178 • 732 New Credit Road www.facebook.com/tastydelightsbycharwilson







#### **HERK'S VARIETY**

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Please call ahead for LARGE orders! Call or Text 289-456-6910 or 289-260-6910

P.O. Box 1104 9203 Indian Line Road Hagersville, Ontario N0A1H0

#### **TAX FREE ZONE!!!**

- Holistic Counselling
  - Herbal Teas
    - · Soaps
  - · Lip Balms
  - · Readings · Cultural Gifts
- · Facilitates Cultural Workshops
- Coming Soon: Green Drinks

NIHB provider

Val King 519-802-7015

2940 Mississauga Road





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#### **BUSINESS SECTION**

For Sale: Movies on both VHS and DVD. Asking \$2 each. If interested, call Vince Sault 905-768-3061 or go to 481 New Credit Road

Monica Vandertuin (LaForme) is looking to purchase between 1 and 4 acres of land on MCFN. For more information contact 519-771-3952 or email mvandertuin2@gmail.com

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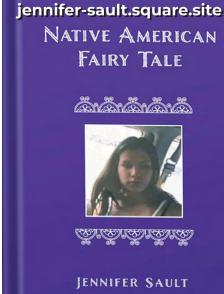


Wholistic

Darlene LaForme

 Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual BSW, MSW, RSW (519) 732-2880





Don Kett is looking to purchase land on MCFN.

For more information contact: 416-554-8195 or email don@donkett.com

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**



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Matthew Sault, Infrastructure Assistant 905-971-2982

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Phone: 905-768-1181 ext. 225

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Peacekeepers:

Phone: 905-768-9990

Raymond Hill-Johnson, Technical Resource Manager 519-865-3883

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Police Department (Cayuga): 905-772-3322

Roads Garage: 905-768-1133 ext. 243