



# EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER

A vibrant celebration of culture, dance, and community brought to life at the 37th Annual Threefires Pow Wow

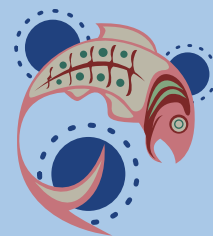


## Vision Statement in **Ojibwe:**

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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 mimiingaaazwaad (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

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## OGIMAA KWE CLAIRE SAULT

Dear MCFN Members,

As we transition into the fall season, I am pleased to share a reflection on the many meaningful events and milestones that have shaped our community over the past month.

### Three Fires Pow Wow

The Three Fires Pow Wow was a powerful celebration of our culture, unity, and spirit. It was an honour to witness the strength of our traditions through dance, song, and ceremony. I thank all organizers, volunteers, and participants for making this event a success.

### CPKC Women's Open

I had the privilege of delivering both the opening and closing remarks at the CPKC Women's Open - the Professional Golf Championship that was held at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, the site of our original Mission Village on the Credit River. I was honoured to present the winner with a special carving by local artist David M. General.

### Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

Our presence at the CNE provided a valuable opportunity to share our stories, culture, and history with a broader audience. Engaging with the public in this way strengthens understanding and fosters meaningful relationships. Thank you to all the volunteers and the organizing committee.

### Leadership Introductions at AIAI

At the recent Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) gathering, Councillor Larry Sault and I had the honour of formally introducing our new Chief Administrative Officer, Adam MacDonald, and Chief Financial Officer, Tabitha King. Their leadership, professionalism, and commitment to our Nation's vision will be instrumental in advancing our strategic priorities.

### King Charles III Coronation Medal

I am deeply humbled to have received the King Charles III Coronation Medal, a recognition I accept on behalf of our entire Nation. This honour reflects the strength, perseverance, and contributions of our people.



### MCFN 7 Generations Plan – Monthill Meeting

We recently convened at Monthill to discuss the MCFN 7 Generations Plan, a visionary framework that will guide our decisions for the future. This plan ensures that our actions today will benefit generations to come, rooted in our values and traditions. As always, I remain committed to serving our Nation with integrity, transparency, and respect. Let us continue to walk together in unity and purpose.

### Back-to-School Season

With the new academic year about to begin, I extend my sincere encouragement to all students, families, and educators. This time of year marks a fresh start filled with opportunity, and I am proud of the commitment our community continues to show toward education and lifelong learning.

### Upcoming: Caring Together Week

We look forward to Caring Together Week, a time dedicated to community wellness, healing, and connection. I encourage all members to participate in the events and activities designed to support our collective well-being.

Miigwech,

Chief Claire Sault  
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

## 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**



# National Indian Residential School Crisis Line

**1-866-925-4419**



Indigenous Services  
Canada

Services aux  
Autochtones Canada

**Canada**



## Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) & Council – Attendance August 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	Fin. Planning...Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 5/25	Away on Council Business but joined mtg. via Teams at 9:00 am.
	Infrastructure & Environ. Counc. Mtg. Tues. August 19/25	Away on Council Business but joined the meeting via Teams at 9:40 am.
Erma Ferrell	Fin. Planning...Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 5/25	
Fawn Sault	Intergov. Relations Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 12/25	Joined mtg. via Teams.
	Infrastructure & Environ. Counc. Mtg. Tues. August 19/25	Joined meeting via Teams.
Larry Sault	Intergov. Relations Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 12/25	Away on Council Business.
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	Fin. Planning...Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 5/25	Sick
Jesse Herkimer		
Ashley Sault	Intergov. Relations Counc. Mtg. Tues. Aug. 12/25	Joined mtg. 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:communications@mncfn.ca) with the email address that you used previously.





# ELECTION LAW CONSULTATION SESSIONS

**Got Questions  
About the Proposed  
Election Law?**

Join us at the Information Sessions to learn what's being proposed, how it could impact our elections, and what it means for you as a voter.

Stay informed. Ask questions. Make your voice count.



**Saturday, September 6th**  
MCFN Community Centre  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, October 25th**  
During Community Meeting  
MCFN Community Centre  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 5th**  
Online Only  
6 - 8 p.m.

Registration Required  
Scan QR Code Below to Register





### 7 Generation Plan, New Government Directives, and MCFN Action

On August 13, Chief, Council and Senior staff met for the day to review the final version of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation 7 Generations Plan which was formerly called Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP).

This plan, in the works before the present Chief and Council took office in December of 2023, is an overarching strategic guiding document and establishes MCFN's collective vision as a Nation and the pathway to achieving our goals over the next seven generations.

The direction and contents within this plan reflect the vision, aspirations, needs and opportunities as identified by our members, leadership and administration. It replaces MCFN's existing CCP which was in effect from 2008 to 2028. The 7 Generations Plan is centred around the principle of genuine foresight. Looking ahead will ensure the efforts, actions and conduct of our Nation in the present will result in a vibrant, healthy and sustainable future for our members residing both on and off reserve.

It should be noted here that First Nations are forever at the whim of which political party is in power. Parties are constantly reshaping government policy, legislation, and regulatory processes. Changes in federal and provincial governments could mean changes with the long-term planning goals for MCFN.

Spin and manipulation in governments  
In public relations and politics, spin is a form of propaganda, achieved through knowingly providing a biased

interpretation of an event. While traditional public relations and advertising may manage their presentation of facts, "spin" often implies the use of disingenuous, deceptive, and manipulative tactics.

#### Why am I saying this?

Since my first time of being elected here at home and in external political offices thereafter, I have witnessed what professionals call "political polarization." This phrase is typically understood as "a prominent division or conflict that forms between major groups in a society or political system and that is marked by the clustering and radicalization of views and beliefs at two distant and antagonistic poles." If you are a political observer, you will witness this in daily news cycles. The best examples of this are the re-election of U.S. President Donald Trump who took office in January of 2025 and subsequently the election of Canada's PM Mark Carney on April 28, 2025. These elections have effectively changed the political and economic landscape First Nations are now faced with.

#### Treasury Board of Canada

In July 2025, the Treasury Board of Canada created a Red Tape Reduction Office announcing a comprehensive expenditure review targeting a 15 percent reduction in federal spending over 3 years. These cuts have sparked significant concerns among First Nation leaders who argue that cuts to our programs and services violate the Crown's fiduciary duty and undermine ciliation.



## **So, what does that have to do with MCFN?**

The reduction in red tape is proposing that First Nations across the country will be experiencing funding cuts in programs and services that come through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Ministers have been directed to cut operational spending by 7.5% for 2026-27 fiscal year, 10% for 2027-28, and 15% in 2028-29. Before this announcement ISC had already started to implement a planned funding cut of \$5B over the next 3 years. Carney's 15% cut to funding would be over and above ISC planned \$5B reduction. CIRNAC will also cut funding by 15% over the next 3 years. MCFN is adding our voice to the myriads of Chiefs opposing any cuts to our programs and services and have been in the process of setting up face-to-face meetings with Ministers and Prime Minister.

## **What is MCFN doing?**

Together with the Chief, we attended a national meeting with the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and Chiefs from across Canada to discuss the One Canadian Economy Act and the Building Canada Act which was focused on meaningful engagement and consultation processes. The summit aimed to foster economic prosperity and respect the rights of Indigenous peoples through diverse perspectives and ongoing conversations. Along with discussion on these topics, we were very candid about the implications of federal government directives making very clear that we must be at the table from the beginning of any policy and legislative development.

MCFN has been on an opposition letter writing campaign to PM and Ministers regarding this entire process. We recently made written submission for pre-budget consultations in advance of upcoming

federal budget. Our recommendations, in line with cutting government red tape are:

- Streamline and shorten the Specific and Special Land Claims processes
- Streamline and fast-track the additions-to-reserve policy
- Support and fund development projects within our treaty lands
- Fund broader reconciliation and economic priorities
- Curb Department of Justice (DOJ) "Litigate-First" reflex on Indigenous files
- Streamline the process for contribution agreements

In a face-to-face meeting with CIRNAC Minister Rebecca Alty on Friday August 15, 2025 we suggested that our recommendations would save millions from legal wranglings, lawyer fees, consulting firms, and bureaucratic correspondence rather than contemplating cuts to MCFN programs and services.

## **Bottom line?**

Although we can put nice planning documents in place, things get sidetracked through external winds that run counter to the path we may be on. If the government wants to steamroll ahead, we must be prepared to implement our own plans to make up all shortfalls. We expect that all First Nations will suffer the consequences of 15% cut across the board. I have recommended to Chief and Council that we do our homework, figure out what that amounts to in dollars and plan accordingly. MCFN has ample opportunity to be the head and not the tail in major business development projects within the GTA/Niagara. We are on track to settling land claims and invest in our future through our own means. I am confident MCFN will evolve to where we belong!

## Jay Treaty Border Alliance

The Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) is comprised of U.S. Tribal Governments and First Nations communities in Canada. The alliance works to protect the rights of First Nations people under the Jay Treaty and address issues related to border crossings between the United States and Canada. The group advocates for legislative changes to ease border crossing for First Nation peoples and work with Canada Border Services Agency and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. I have participated at these meetings for the last few years adding advocating the need for change in various areas concerning our Nations.

### **Introduction of H.R. 4596 McClarran-Walter Technical Corrections Act**

#### **Bill Overview**

JTBA members on the U.S. side of the border welcomed the introduction of H.R. 4596, the McClarran-Walter Corrections Act (formerly titled the Tribal Border Crossing Parity Act), a bipartisan bill to correct outdated language in U.S. immigration law that affects the right of American Indian and First Nation citizens to cross the U.S.-Canada border. The bill was recently introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington DC.

H.R. 4596 removes the 50 percent blood quantum requirement in Section 289 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act and updates eligibility to include individuals who are members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States, hold Indian status in Canada, or belong to a self-governing First Nation in Canada.

The legislation restores the original intent of the Jay Treaty, which affirmed the Inherent Right of American Indians to freely cross the U.S.-Canada border, and the Act of April 2, 1928, which clarified that the U.S. immigration laws do not apply to American Indians born in Canada exercising that right.

In early June of this year, JTBA representatives met in Washington DC with senior Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials and key congressional office to advance this technical fix to Section 289 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. This marked JTBA's first opportunity to brief the current Trump Administration on the need to remove the outdated quantum threshold.

MCFN recently had a member requesting a blood quantum letter that was being required by U.S. Customs and Border Security. We are hopeful that H.R. 4596 will make it's way through the political maze in Washington soon and we will rightfully enjoy those rights our ancestors had in mind as they made treaty with settlers. Saturday July 19, 2025, the Indian Defense League celebrated their 98th Jay Treaty Border Crossing Celebration of Rights in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

- Larry Sault  
Inclusive Leadership/Intergovernmental Relations





## COUNCILLOR, ERMA FERRELL

**July 18, 2025**

### **WATERFRONT TORONTO**

I attended the Waterfront Celebration at Biidaasige Park and the New Don River.

We began the day with an opening Water Ceremony by Valarie King and then proceeded with opening speeches. Our Chief- Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault, provided inspiring words. This speech was followed by words from Mayor Chow and other Councillor's.

**July 20, 2025**

### **PORT DOVER DOGS NEST CELEBRATION**

The Port Dover Dogs Nest Celebration took place on July 20, 2025,

I was able to provide words that reminded the Crowd of where their sign may have disappeared too but did not provide clear details.

During my time at the Dogs Nest Celebration, I spent time with the Historical Society and the Hospice Members who were raising funds for their hospice which will be built in Jarvis.

**July 27, 2025**

### **NATIONAL BANK TENNIS OPENING CEREMONY**

The National Bank Tennis Opening Ceremony took place on July 27, 2025, at their headquarters. I was able to bring words on behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Letting those in attendance know how large the Treaty Territory of the MCFN was.

**August 08, 2025**

### **CATHERINE SUTTON**

Catherine Sutton will be honored by a plaque in her name. Catherine's Ojibway name is Nanabanaquay.

Ms. Sutton's was a huge supporter of requesting from Queen Victoria a Title Deed to our Lands. Regrettably Catherine was not successful.

Darin Wybenga and I travelled to Port Credit on August 08, 2025, and met with Members from the Parks Canada and the City of Mississauga to determine where the Plaque will be unveiled when it is completed.

The Plaque will be in Ojibwey, English, and French.

We welcome the sign to be unveiled at the Marina Park on September 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.





## PRESS RELEASE

### Arcadis and Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation enter Exclusivity Agreement

*Collaboration advances economic reconciliation and Indigenous-led development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe*

**Toronto, ON (August 27, 2025)** – Arcadis (EURONEXT: ARCAD) and Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation (MCBC) have entered into an Exclusivity Agreement with the intention of establishing a Limited Partnership later this year. The agreement, focused on delivering design consulting and professional services across the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), is rooted in a shared commitment to advancing Indigenous leadership, sustainable infrastructure, and inclusive economic development throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

As the first-of-its-kind partnership for Arcadis, the Exclusivity Agreement sets the stage for a new model of Indigenous-led planning and development in Canada's most populous and economically significant urban area, encompassing 62 municipalities within MCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

"We are incredibly proud to take this step with MCBC and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation," said Scott Arbuckle, Country Director, Arcadis Canada. "It reflects our respect for the First Nation's leadership and their Treaty Rights, and underscores what's possible when Indigenous values and global expertise share a common purpose. We're honoured to play a role in enabling sustainable growth, cultural expression, and economic reconciliation through community-focused development."

When finalized, the Partnership will be majority owned by MCBC and enable the First Nation and Arcadis to jointly participate in a broad range of initiatives. Potential projects include infrastructure, architectural design, climate adaptation, and urban planning projects across 3.9 million acres in Southern Ontario, establishing MCFN's long-term economic participation and self-determination.

"This Partnership is much more than a sound business decision. It paves the way for reconciliation, renewal, and reclamation," said Warren Sault, President and CEO, MCBC and MCFN member. "We are asserting our First Nation's presence and Rights within our Treaty Lands and creating strategic economic opportunities that reflect our values, our vision, and our rightful place as stewards and leaders of this land."

The forthcoming Partnership, anticipated to formally launch in Fall 2025, will be managed by representatives from MCBC and Arcadis, with offices established at MCFN near Hagersville and downtown Toronto, symbolizing the partnership's dual commitment to inclusive community and urban development.

"Our confidence in Arcadis' well-rounded portfolio and their full suite of services, including their Indigenous Relations expertise, helped make the decision to select them as our partners of choice," added Sault. "Together, we're setting a new standard for what it means to work in good faith, in Treaty, and in partnership."

Arcadis and MCBC have a history of working together on key projects, including the First Nation's water distribution system and administrative building. With this agreement in place, the parties have committed to collaborating exclusively on new opportunities presented to either partner within MCFN Treaty Lands and other mutually agreed projects across Ontario.

**ENDS**

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#### **ABOUT ARCADIS**

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#### **ABOUT MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT BUSINESS CORPORATION**

Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation (MCBC) is the wholly owned business development corporation of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN). MCBC acts as the general partner of Mississaugas of the Credit Business Limited Partnership, of which MCFN is its only other limited partner. Established in 2018 to build long-term wealth generation for MCFN and its membership, MCBC operates throughout MCFN Treaty Lands and Territory which cover most of Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe, an area home to 8 million people, two-thirds of Ontario's GDP, and one-fifth of Canada's GDP. [www.mncbc.ca](http://www.mncbc.ca)



### Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow Brings Community Together in Celebration



Drums, songs, and the steady beat of dancing feet filled the pow wow grounds as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) hosted its annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering on August 22nd-24th.

Pow wows like Three Fires serve as celebration of cultural and community. They are opportunities to strengthen community ties an opportunity for members to return, pass on teachings to younger generations, and welcome neighbours and visitors to share in Anishinaabe traditions.

Vendors lined the grounds with Indigenous arts, beadwork, clothing, and traditional foods, while Elders and Knowledge Keepers offered teachings and reminders of the deep roots of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation in the territory.

The three-day event, one of the community's most significant cultural gatherings, brought together dancers, singers, vendors, and visitors from across Turtle Island to celebrate Indigenous culture and traditions.

The weekend opened Friday evening with Entertainment Night, featuring music and performances from MCFN Youth, Mr. Sauga, the Red LaForme Band and more that welcomed guests and set the tone for the pow wow. Saturday and Sunday featured the Grand Entry of dancers in full regalia, traditional songs by invited drum groups like MCFN's own Ninjiichaag, and intertribal dancing that brought all participants together around the Arbour.



For MCFN, the Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow is both a homecoming for community members who return each year and a chance to share culture with the wider public.

Chi-Miigwech to all those who attended, danced, drummed and participated.

The annual event continues to grow and we can't wait to invite everyone back for the 38th annual Pow Wow next year.

## Riki Burning-King Makes Her Mark on the Green



On August 16th, Riki Burning-King represented the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation at the GolfNorth Junior Skills Contest, held at the Oaks of St. George Golf Club. Competing in the Girls 7–9 division, Riki impressed with a powerful drive of

over 90 yards, earning a ribbon for Longest Drive.

Riki’s golf journey began early — swinging clubs as a toddler with her first left-handed set. Her passion for the game continues to grow, along with her skills and confidence.

Just days later, on August 24th, Riki played her first-ever 9-hole round at Churchville Golf Course in Monroe County, NY, during the U.S. Kids Golf Fall Tour. Although she was one of the least experienced players on the course, the support from parents and staff helped boost her confidence. With her mother as her caddy, they traveled along the Chippawa Channel and crossed the Peace Bridge into Buffalo, carrying both clubs and cultural memory.

“Although we were sore and tired afterwards, we were still so incredibly thankful for the opportunity to walk that beautiful course in the County of Monroe,” her mother shared. “Through friendly competition, it became something more for us — a means of land-based healing.”

Walking on land shaped by the histories of their Six Nations ancestors, her family reflected on colonialism, intergenerational trauma, and healing. The moment became a quiet reclamation — where golf and heritage met on the green.

Their connection to golf also extends beyond the present. As descendants of Augustus Jones, a member of the Jones family with Welsh ancestry and historic ties to land surveying and golf course design across the U.S., Riki’s journey adds another chapter to a legacy that touches both history and sport.

Despite missing the MCFN Homecoming Pow Wow that weekend, the journey to Rochester felt like another kind of homecoming.

Riki finished fourth out of four players — and proudly brought home her very first golf medal to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation congratulates Riki Burning-King on her early accomplishments, bright future, and the powerful story she is already writing — on and off the golf course.



**Congratulations to Riki for her achievement and for representing MCFN with skill and pride!**



# **CARING TOGETHER WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 15th-18th, 2025**  
**MCFN Community Centre**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • MINO BIMAADIZIWIN ARTS**  
BY SOCIAL & HEALTH

**Indian Tacos, Indian Cookies, Strawberry Drink**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • RETRO NIGHT**  
BY ADMIN, EC.DEV, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING, FINANCE, HR

**Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Salads, Cake**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • FARM THEME**  
BY LIFELONG LEARNING, LSK, DAYCARES

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Ice Cream**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 10th ANNIVERSARY OF DOCA**  
BY DOCA, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, PEACEKEEPERS, COMMUNICATION, GOVERNANCE

**Sloppy Joes on Fry Bread, Southwest Salad, Corn, Lemonade, Cake**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • LEADERS OF THE FUTURE**  
BY CHIEF AND COUNCIL, YOUTH COUNCIL

**Strodes Pork Chop Dinner**



This is a substance free event

## **Everyone Welcome!**

Contact Marlene for more info:  
905-768-1133 x 1222

**mncfn.ca**





**September 30th, 2025**

**2 - 6 p.m.**

# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: ORANGE SHIRT DAY

We will gather at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hagersville Food Bank (32 Alma St. N) for an opening ceremony.

T-shirts and flags will be provided. From there, we will march together down the sidewalk of Main Street.

Following the march, we will head to the MCFN Community Centre for family-friendly activities and community connection.

Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza, a variety of salads, and a visit from an ice cream truck.

Please bring a reusable water bottle.

Everyone is welcome as we walk, remember, and reflect together.

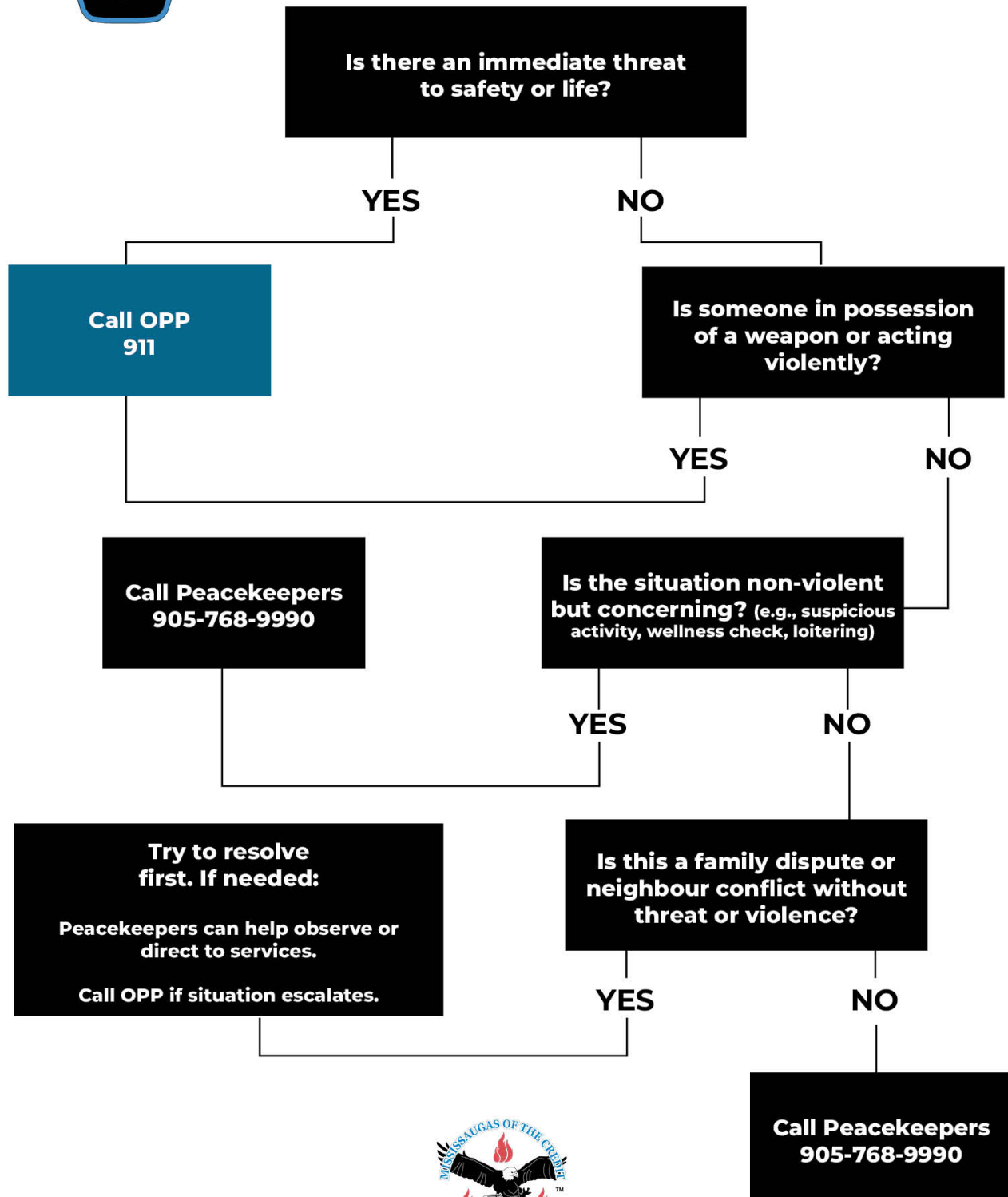
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## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

High school students are welcome to help and can earn community hours.  
To register, please contact Amanda LaForme: [amanda.laforme@mncfn.ca](mailto:amanda.laforme@mncfn.ca)



## COMMUNITY SAFETY: Who Responds to What?





## CALL MCFN OGICHIDAA PEACEKEEPERS WHEN:

### **SUSPICIOUS BUT NOT DANGEROUS**

Someone loitering or a vehicle parked oddly

### **NON-EMERGENCY WELLNESS CHECKS:**

You're concerned about a neighbour you haven't seen in a while, or someone may need help, but there's no immediate danger

### **COMMUNITY PATROL & SAFETY VISIBILITY:**

Speeding or unsafe behaviour in public spaces, or requesting extra patrols during events or late hours

### **MINOR DISPUTES OR DISTURBANCES:**

Arguments without violence or public disagreements that aren't escalating

### **SUPPORT ROLE:**

Need someone to monitor or secure a scene or to help guide police/ambulance to the location

### **EDUCATION OR CONNECTION TO SERVICES:**

Looking for local services or resources or want help connecting someone to support

# 905-768-9990

## CALL OPP IMMEDIATELY WHEN:

### **VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE:**

Fights or threats of harm to self or others

### **CRIME IN PROGRESS:**

Theft, break-ins, vandalism, or drug activity

### **WEAPONS INVOLVED:**

Someone has or threatens to use a weapon

### **EMERGENCIES & SERIOUS ACCIDENTS:**

Injuries from a collision or medical emergency needing police

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR FAMILY VIOLENCE:**

Yelling, physical aggression, or history of abuse

### **MENTAL HEALTH CRISES:**

Someone is suicidal or in serious distress and unsafe

### **UNSAFE OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR**

Someone is acting aggressively, unpredictably, or refusing to leave a property

# 911

## PEACEKEEPERS CAN SUPPORT:

### **MONITORING LOW-RISK CONFLICTS**

Calm public arguments or upset individuals

### **WHILE WAITING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Keep area safe, take notes, guide responders

### **AT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Provide a visible, supportive presence

## WHEN POLICE ARE NEEDED:

- Breaking up physical altercations
  - Custody or legal disputes
  - Criminal investigations
- Dealing with armed individuals or dangerous animals
- Ongoing or escalating family conflict involving violence



# LIFELONG LEARNING

## WELCOME BACK TO CLASS TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF OF MCFN!

Time to hit the books and prepare for the class of 2025-2026!

If you haven't received any back-to-school supplies, we still have a few available.

The contact forms that you completed are very useful when messages of school closures, weather related issues or when we have activities or special events scheduled.

Bus and van schedules for high school students residing on MCFN have been emailed out. If you haven't received yours, please call the office.

### A COUPLE OF REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Labor Day (September 1st)
- Caring Together Week (September 15th-19th)
- Fall begins (September 22nd) Many people love this time of year. Cooler days and nights. Sweater weather
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th)
- High School Students - the forms for Food Security and Enrollment Incentive are available online or at LL department

Post secondary students should have their fall 25 schedules uploaded to Dadavan by now, If for some reason you haven't, please do so immediately.

Whether you have stepped into a new grade or new school or new level of education, good luck. Keep reaching.



Need school supplies?

Fill out the "High School Supplies Needed Fillable Form" found at:

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

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

<https://mcfndadavan.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.



## Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Highlights & Upcoming Events

**Supervisor:** Shannon King, RECE

**Assistant Supervisor:** Pamela Bomberry, RECE

Last month we said Baamaa to our Preschool 2 children as they get ready to begin their junior kindergarten journey at big school. We are sad to see them go but we are so excited for the fun adventures they will have.

We honoured these children with a beautiful graduation ceremony at the Community Centre. Miigwech to everyone who was able to attend this special day and celebrate our children.

In September the staff of ECC will be rotating to new classrooms, this will give the staff the opportunity to work with new age groups and children.



### 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](mailto:Shannon.King@mncfn.ca) or [Pam.Bomberry@mncfn.ca](mailto:Pam.Bomberry@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.



## Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care Centre Highlights & Upcoming Events

**Supervisor:** Kate Shroder, RECE

**Assistant Supervisor:** Greg Montour, RECE



We have a new playground that is available for the children to use. We also have access to the area fenced play space near EarlyON. There is natural grass and a tree to provide shade which the kids love.

In the past month the Infant room and Preschool Room have been out trying the new playground areas, taking toys with them to use, and enjoying the time they have spent in the new play areas. The Toddlers went for a walk to check out the Hagersville Market and have been doing some sensory activities. The children have also been enjoying listening to Tyrell when he drops by with his drum and does some singing with them.



### 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) <https://onehsn.com/Haldimandnorfolk/Account/Register>

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.

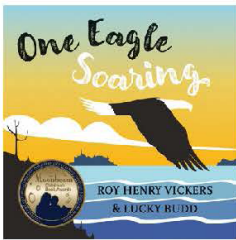




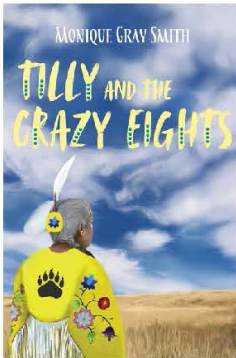
## MCFN EarlyON Highlights and Upcoming Events

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:



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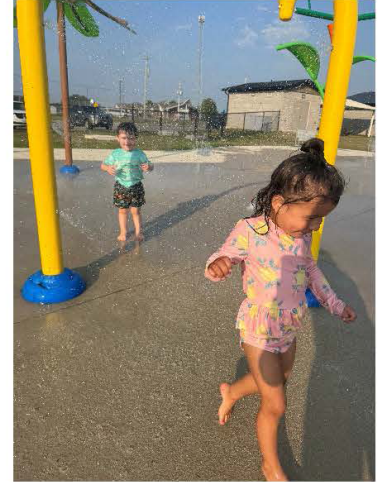


It was a hot summer, but EarlyON made sure to beat the heat and have fun at the splash pad. This is where we spent our Fridays and even some of our Tuesday Night Dinners ended here. The kids loved running and playing in the water.

Summer Yoga for our caregivers was a big hit. This has been a beautiful opportunity for our caregivers to wind down and re-connect with their mind, body and soul. Stay tuned for more Yoga sessions.

Our children here at EarlyON have been loving Mud Kitchen play- an opportunity for children to connect with Mother Earth and hands on sensory experiences. We have welcomed some new families to our program over the Summer and made new connections.

Our HSS location has a new forest addition, our "Outdoor Classroom" to enrich the children's curiosity and exploration and offer more opportunities to connect with the land and nature. Stay tuned for the grand- opening. One of our goals here at EarlyON is to provide as much outdoor play and land-based experiences as possible! Land-based learning is a powerful way for our children to connect with their roots and culture.



ANISHINAABEMOWIN WORD  
OF THE MONTH: WAABIGWAN-  
FLOWER





## HSS Location

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](http://www.keyon.ca)

2025

 **September/HSS** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed	2 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	3 9-11 Fork Paint 1-3 Play & Learn	4 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Outdoor Play	5 9-11 Loose Part Play 1-3 Play & Learn	6
7	8 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Closed	9 9-11 Lending kits 1-3 Play & Learn	10 9-11 Water colour Tree 1-3 Play & Learn	11 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	12 9-11 Apple Tasting 1-3 Play & Learn	13
14 Truck to Touch	15 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Outdoor Play	16 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	17 9-11 Play & Learn	18 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	19 9-11 Pine cone Craft 1-3 Play & Learn	20
21	22 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Play & Learn	23 9-11 Water Play 1-3 Play & Learn	24 9-11 Fall Deco 1-3 Play & Learn	25 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	26 9-11 Playdough Play	27
28	29 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Orange Shirt Craft	30 Closed				

## 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. Watch the calendar for the dates!

**Please register on KeyON to attend:** [www.keyon.ca](http://www.keyon.ca)

2025

 **September/HUB** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed	2 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Outdoor Play	3 9-11 Trail Walk 1-3 Play & Learn	4 9-11 Nature Hunt 1-3 Play & Learn	5 9-11 Breakfast 1-3 Play & Learn	6
7	8 9-11 Outdoor Play 1-3 CLOSED	9 1-3 Play & Learn 5-7 Dinner	10 9-11 Painting in the forest 1-3 Play & Learn	11 9-11 Paint & Play 1-3 Outdoor Play	12 9-11 Trail Walk 1-3 Outdoor Play	13
14	15 9-11 Playdough making 1-3 Play & Learn	16 9-11 Fine Motor Activities 1-3 Outdoor Play	17 9-11 Apple Tasting 1-3 Trail Walk	18 9-11 Outdoor Play 1-3 Fine Motor	19 9-11 Breakfast 1-3 Play & Learn	20
21	22 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Outdoor Play	23 9-11 Make Apple pie 1-3 Outdoor Play 5-7 Dinner	24 9-11 Make & Take 1-3 Outdoor Play	25 9-11 Beaded corn kits 1-3 Play & Learn	26 CLOSED	27
28	29 9-11 Orange shirt Story 1-3 Play & Learn	30 Closed				





## EarlyON Family Insights of the Month: The McQueen Family

"MCFN EarlyON has such friendly, welcoming, and helpful staff who play with and support my children as they explore. It's a safe, fun space with something for every age—babies & toddlers and above.

They connect families, offer amazing workshops like the Baby Cooking Class and Toddler Make-and-Take Circle Boxes, and organize exciting field trips in the local community. We always feel at home here!" – Shannen McQueen & Family



Registration is required for all our EarlyON programs. You can sign up through [www.keyon.com](http://www.keyon.com)

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@mncfn.ca](mailto:Jolene.Hill@mncfn.ca)

**Lindsay DeMille, RECE**  
**EarlyON Facilitator**  
[Lindsay.DeMille@mncfn.ca](mailto:Lindsay.DeMille@mncfn.ca)

**Ang Bell**  
**Early Years Program and Administrative Support**  
[Ang.Bell@mncfn.ca](mailto:Ang.Bell@mncfn.ca)

**Megan LaForme, RECE**  
**EarlyON Facilitator/Kindergarten Afterschool Activities**  
[Megan.LaForme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Megan.LaForme@mncfn.ca)

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](mailto:Katharine.Brown@mncfn.ca)



## KASA Summer Camp

In August we did lots of fun activities! We did science experiments, herb mixing, water play and Bneshiinhens! The children found a baby bird. They nurtured and built a nest for the baby bird. In the 7 Grandfather Teachings, Humility reminds us that we are no greater than any other part of creation. When children care for animals, feeding, sheltering and loving them they learn to see life as sacred.

This experience was a quiet strength of Humility, knowing we walk along side, not above the life around us! Mr. Tyrell has been joining our program! The children missed him and were so happy to drum and sing together.



We also did woodworking, building with hammers and nails. We even got to use a saw. Our children are competent and brave! They were so proud of themselves.

We also enjoyed harvesting from the Binoojinyag Gtigaan (Children's Garden) all summer and tasting the yummy tomatoes.

We want to say Baamaapii to all of our Kindergarten friends who are going to Grade One! We will always be here for you and will see you around! Registration for Kindergarten After School Activities can be found in the LSK office or you can email [Megan.Laforme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Megan.Laforme@mncfn.ca).







## Life Events of Registered MCFN Members

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

### 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.

### 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.



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## 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;

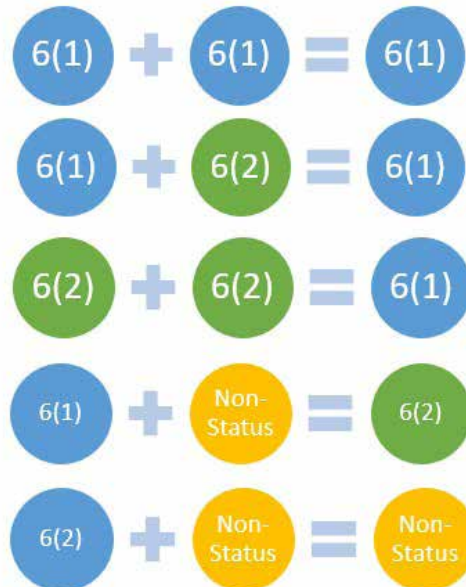
**6(1)(b)** - Entitlement for individuals who are members of a group declared to be a Band after April 17, 1985

**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.



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## 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](http://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)

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

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

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



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

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

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

Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON N0A 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.**

CHILD'S FULL NAME (as it appears on Status Card):		CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER (10 Digit):	
FULL NAME OF LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN'S REGISTRY NUMBER:	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:		CHILD'S BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD):  ____ / ____ / ____ YYYY MM DD	
LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code):	

#### CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Mail Out (Ensure address is complete, including city and postal/zip code)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit (Canada Only)* <input type="checkbox"/> On File <input type="checkbox"/> New Account (Include void cheque or direct deposit form)
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<b>X</b>	<b>Total Receipts:</b>
Parent/Guardian Signature Date:	Amount: \$ <b>1,500.00</b>

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Documents provided for identity of child and parent/guardian: Department's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ BC ☐ Prov. Photo ID Card ☐ Passport ☐ Other ID (\_\_\_\_\_) ☐ Proof of Custody/Guardianship **Parent/Guardian ID** ☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ Passport ☐ Photo ID Card

Amount Claimed:		Remaining Balance:	
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Account Number:	64 300
Dept. Number:	100 030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

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

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

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

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

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

**Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0**

**Email: [cw@mncfn.ca](mailto: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 clearly 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.**

<b>FULL NAME</b> <i>(as it appears on Status Card):</i>		<b>REGISTRY NUMBER</b> <i>(10 Digit):</i>	
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<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>		<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> <i>(including area code):</i>	

## CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Mail Out (Ensure address is complete, including city and postal/zip code)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit <b>(Canada Only)*</b> <input type="checkbox"/> On File <input type="checkbox"/> New Account (Include void cheque or direct deposit form)
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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 my personal information with outside agencies. \_\_\_\_\_ (MCFN MEMBERS PLEASE INITIAL HERE)

<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold;">X</div>	Total Receipts:	
	Amount:    \$	1,500.00

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Documents provided for identity: \_\_\_\_\_ Department's Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ BC ☐ Prov. Photo ID Card ☐ Passport ☐ Other ID ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
☐ Proof of POA/Decision-Making Authority

Amount Claimed:		Remaining Balance:	
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Account Number:	64 300
Dept. Number:	100 030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Date Received

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



## Employment & Training Program

### Introducing Andrea King as the new Employment & Training Coordinator

Aanii Boozhoo Hello!

My name is Andrea King, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Employment & Training Coordinator here at MCFN.



In my role, I'll be working closely with community members to provide support in job readiness, career development, and training opportunities. **My goal is to connect people with the tools, resources, and guidance they need to reach their employment goals and succeed in their chosen career paths.**

I have always been passionate about helping people find their strengths and reach their goals. I believe in creating strong connections, listening to individual needs, and tailoring opportunities that empower each person to thrive.

#### Why Connect?

- Build skills and gain confidence
- Explore job opportunities
- Access training and resources
- Get one-on-one guidance and support

My role is to support you in exploring career paths, building new skills, and connecting with opportunities for growth and success.

#### Getting started with Employment & Training is simple:

1. Fill out our online intake form – find it on [MNCFN.ca](http://MNCFN.ca) under departments.
2. Schedule an intake meeting (your choice: in-person or virtual)
3. Work with me to create a personalized plan for your career and training goals - I'm here for you!

**Whether you're preparing for your first job, looking to advance your career, or considering a new path. Everyone's journey looks different, and I'm here to provide support, encouragement, and resources every step of the way!**

Stop by the office, give me a call, send me an email, or visit our website—I'd love to connect!

**Office Location:** 659 New Credit Road, Building #1, Hagersville

**Email:** [training.coord@mncfn.ca](mailto:training.coord@mncfn.ca)

**Phone:** 905-768-2232

**Website:** [www.mncfn.ca](http://www.mncfn.ca)

### 13 MOONS - ANISHINAABE CALENDAR



WAABAABAGAA GIIZIS  
CHANGING COLOURS MOON, SEPTEMBER

### Anishinaabemowin

### Phrase of the Month

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 September:

***Gkinoomaagegamigong ndizhaa!***

which means

***I'm going to school!***

We're also posting a Word of the Week on Mondays to keep the learning going.

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





## MCFN COMMUNITY YOGA CLASSES



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  
**CANCELLED**

6 - 7 p.m.

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## 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-to-date (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  
**CANCELLED**

**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

Any questions or concerns about the cancelled September session, please reach out to Laura-Lee at: 905-768-1181





# **ANNUAL FALL SPAY/NEUTER PET CLINICS!**

Drop off times for pet appointments must be pre-arranged and start at 8 - 10:15 a.m. each day

You must be able to pickup your pet that same day between 5 - 5:30 p.m. or if you are given a specific time by staff

Wellness is included in the cost of all surgeries and flea & tick medications will be available for an extra cost

First come first served for paid appointments - we will not hold any unpaid appointments.

Open to MCFN members and community residents

For further information please contact Janice or Laura-Lee at: 905-768-1181

## **LOCATION:**

MCFN Community Centre  
659 New Credit Rd.  
Building #4

**DATE FOR DOGS:**  
September 27th & 28th

**DATE FOR CATS:**  
September 29th

**SPAY & NEUTER COSTS:**  
Dogs \$250/pet  
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**Pre-payment, DEBIT only,  
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### Caregiver's Support Circle

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Drug and Alcohol free event

**Where:**  
Social & Health Services  
Gathering Place

**When:**  
September 24th  
October 29th  
November 26th

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



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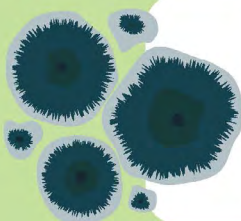


**\*Please note that the Coach is closed daily from 11:30-12:30 for lunch**

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## Blastomycosis Fast Facts: Ways to Minimize the Risk to You and Your Family



### What is Blastomycosis?

Blastomycosis is an infection caused by breathing in spores of the soil fungus blastomyces. It usually begins as a lung infection. It is not spread person-to-person, nor animal-to-person.



### Where is it found?

The fungus that causes blastomycosis is found across Ontario, with the highest rate of infection in the northwest. It grows in soil and damp organic matter like wood or leaves. It is often found near bodies of water, including the shores of the Great Lakes and along the St. Lawrence Seaway.



### What causes illness?

The spores can become airborne when soil or organic matter (such as wood or leaf piles) that the fungus is growing on is disturbed, causing them to be breathed in and settling in the lungs.



### What should I do if I have symptoms?

Symptoms may include a cough, chest pain, difficulty breathing, fever, night sweats, unexplained weight loss and extreme fatigue. If you are experiencing these symptoms, speak with a health provider as soon as possible for assessment.



### When am I most at risk?

The risk for exposure is highest in the spring and summer, and most cases are diagnosed in the fall and winter due to the time it takes to show signs of illness. Symptoms usually appear 3 weeks to 3 months after breathing in the fungal spores.



### Blastomycosis is treatable!

About half the people infected with blastomyces will become symptomatic. Early diagnosis and treatment is the best way to prevent serious health outcomes.



# Syphilis in Indigenous Communities



Syphilis rates are on the rise in Canada, including in Indigenous communities.

Sexual and reproductive healthcare is key for your holistic wellness.

## Spread and symptoms

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted and blood borne infection (STBBI) mainly spread through unprotected vaginal, anal and oral sex. Congenital syphilis can be passed on to an unborn baby during pregnancy and at the time of delivery. Syphilis can also be spread through needle sharing.

Many people won't have symptoms early on, but syphilis can cause:

- Painless, open sores on or inside the penis, vagina, rectum, throat or mouth
- Body rash and flu-like symptoms
- Swollen glands in the groin, behind the ears, under the jaw and in the armpits

## Reduce the risk



**Prevention:** Use a condom correctly every time you have sex. Condoms don't offer full protection if sores are not covered during sex.



**Confidential testing:** A blood test and swab for syphilis is quick and easy. Talk to your healthcare provider about confidential testing for syphilis and other STBBIs. If you are sexually active, being tested regularly is an important part of a healthy sex life for you and your partner.



**Treatment:** Seek treatment, and culturally safe care and services. Syphilis is easily treated with antibiotics early on. Without treatment, syphilis can cause serious, permanent damage and even death.

Medications and treatments are available to eligible First Nations and recognized Inuit through Non-Insured Health Benefits, regardless of where they live.

## Indigenous resources

Culturally-appropriate supports are essential to help address these higher rates of syphilis infections:

### Sexual and Reproductive Health – Native Women's Association of Canada

<https://nwac.ca/policy/sexual-and-reproductive-health>

### Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections – First Nations Health Authority

<https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/communicable-disease-control/blood-borne-disease-and-sexually-transmitted-infections-hiv-aids>

### Sexual Health – Pauktuutit

<https://pauktuutit.ca/health/sexual-health/>

To learn more, visit:  
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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

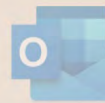
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Monica Vandertuin (LaForme) is looking to purchase between 1 and 4 acres of land on MCFN. For more information contact 519-771-3952 or email mvandertuin2@gmail.com

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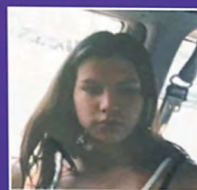
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