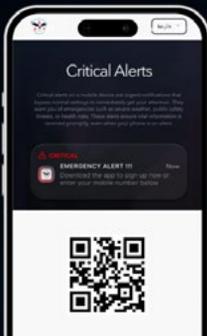


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Test of the new critical alert system is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at 4 p.m. See page 8 for full details.

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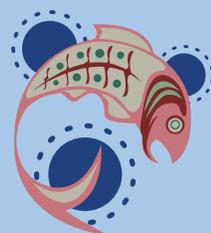
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## Vision Statement in Ojibwe:

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 mimiingazwaad (what was given to them by Creation, what they always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they always lived as Anishinaabek).

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



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## CHIEF MARGARET SAULT

Aanii Everyone, Happy March!

I hope that everyone is enjoying this unpredictable weather and is keeping safe. On February 2nd (Groundhog Day), Wiarton Willie did not see his shadow, so here's hoping for an early spring! We've sure got a blast of winter this year. I would like to send belated wishes for Valentine's Day to everyone, and I hope that you had the opportunity to spend the day with those who matter on Family Day.

February has been a busy month, but an exciting one. I attended all of the Regular Council meetings this month, which are held on Tuesdays in the Council House. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the Membership.

### **In-Community Events**

I had the privilege of opening a Welcome Celebration at the end of January for all of our new babies born in 2025. This event, hosted by our Early Years department, was a beautiful opportunity to introduce our newest Members and to ensure their families know the many resources available to them. A wonderful meal was provided to all.

On Valentine Day, a Pancake Breakfast was sponsored by the Social and Health Services department. It was very well attended. Chi-miigwech to the cooks and the servers, and to all of the staff for the planning and work put into making these events a success. There was lots to eat, fun activities like face painting and crafts for the little one, and beautiful fruit baskets for door prizes.

I have started to visit the various departments within the organization. It was great to meet and introduce myself

to our new team members, and it was wonderful to see so many of our long-term staff. The staff are the neck that turns the head, and I appreciate and value

everyone that works to make MCFN great. Chi-miigwech! If I haven't gotten to your building yet, I will get there soon.



### **Council Representation**

At the end of January, I attended a two-day meeting with the Chief's Council of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI). This is our provincial territorial organization, whose role is to advocate for the political interests of its' eight Member Nations. We spent time reviewing the current political climate and prioritizing areas under the social, education, health and language areas. We also started work on the Strategic Plan and will be meeting again with our Councils to continue this important work.

Early this month, I had the opportunity to meet with the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honorable Edith Dumont. This introductory meeting was important, as I believe it is important to develop meaningful and respectful relationships with all levels of government. I was also introduced to the new Principal of Massey College, James Orbinski. MCFN has built a strong connection with Massey College over the years and works together often on multiple initiatives. I would like to say Chi-miigwech to former Chief Stacey Laforme for arranging these meetings, much appreciated.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I met with several Mayors this month, including Mayor Marianne Meed-Ward of Burlington, Mayor Shelley Bentley of Haldimand and Mayor Annette Groves of Caledon. We had preliminary conversations on how we can work together and further build our relationship. Our talks centered on MCFN treaties, improvements of land acknowledgements and how we can ensure our communities continue to move forward collectively. I feel these meetings have been very effective in promoting our priorities and ensuring MCFN's voice continues to be heard in our treaty lands.

I attended several important events to commemorate Black History Month. I was invited to open the celebration in Brampton as the Black Youth Empowerment Advocates raised the flag at City Hall, and I was honoured to take part in a Black History Month Exhibit at the Lt. Governor's Suite at Queen's Park.

I had a very productive meeting with Saroya Tinker, of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL). In the future, I would like to bring the Toronto team to our community to give inspiration to our girls who play hockey, as well as everyone else who has interest in the sport.

On February 13th, I met with Honorable Gethin Edwards, and Professor Mckee of Laurier University. The purpose of this meeting was to talk about their plans to offer a law course at the Brantford campus. Although the plans are in the very early stages, they will be requesting a letter of support from Chief and Council and will be attending the Council meeting of March 10th to discuss this in further detail.

I was invited to attend the inaugural "Loved Beyond Measure" Gala, a fundraising event for the Six Nations Hospice, held at MontHill Golf and Country Club, on Valentine's Day. This event was very well

attended. This hospice will be the only hospice built on a First Nation in all of Canada. All proceeds raised were being put towards this very worthy cause.

We met with Provincial and Federal Government representatives to plan a "celebration of the signing of the Rouge River Valley Tract Claim." Details are still being confirmed; however all Members are welcome to join us at the Community Centre on March 7th, at 11:30 a.m. for this historic event.

Newly elected Councillor Jai King-Green and I had an update session with Nuri Frame, our Litigation lawyer on the Six Nations Litigation. MCFN are recognized as intervenors in this case, and an update was presented to our Membership at the Community Meeting on February 28th.

## **Upcoming Events**

I will be opening the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business (CCIB) Forum this month and will also be providing a welcome for their annual Awards Dinner. I am always honoured to represent the Nation at events such as these, to ensure that MCFN is recognized as the Treaty Holders and to share a piece of who we are, with those in attendance.

We have many exciting events coming up soon, such as the Rouge River Valley Tract Celebration and the annual MCFN Historical Gathering. Information on these events will be forthcoming. MCFN will also have representation at a number of upcoming events in our treaty territory, such as FIFA (world soccer) and the Junos. Big congratulations to our own Manitou Mkwá Singers, for being nominated for the 2026 Juno Award for Traditional Indigenous Artist or Group of the Year.

Good luck to all of our players preparing for the upcoming Little NHL tournament!

## Chief & Council – Attendance February 2026

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

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



Chief/Councillor	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault		
Jesse Herkimer		
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 24th, 2026	Away on other Council Business
Ashley Sault	Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026	Away on other Council Business
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green	Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026	Away on other Council Business
Larry Sault		
Fawn Sault	Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 10th, 2026	Away on other Council Business Joined meeting via Teams

## COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



### NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2025

Indigenous Services Canada Ontario Joint Gathering, was held in Toronto. The Gathering takes place to provide updates on programs (new and old) that are offered to various First Nations in Ontario. Opening remarks were provided by Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault on behalf of MCFN. CHI MIIGWECH to our Elder Valarie King, for providing a Water Ceremony on day two of the conference.

### NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Virtual meeting with FIFA 2026. Update on moving forward to be ready for the FIFA 2026 games to be held in Toronto beginning summer of 2026. FIFA 2026 will be travelling across Canada with their Caravan. The MCFN Council has agreed to invite the Caravan to our Community. We are waiting for approval from FIFA 2026 and a possible location and date to be confirmed.

### DECEMBER 03, 2025

Virtual meeting with a Toronto Island Committee. A discussion took place on the Ride Share program implemented on the Toronto Islands. The input on the program was mainly negative. There is a business on one of the Islands who rents bicycles and the family have had the business for more than 40 years. Due to the ride share program the family business has lost revenue and other residents have complained about the lack of respect the Riders show to Residents and Visitors to the Island. The Ride Share program will be reviewed again.

### DECEMBER 04, 2025

Massey College Toronto hosted a Winter Solstice Dinner and Members of the MCFN Council, along with their guests were invited. The dinner was held in the Massey College Library. The recipient of the Dr. Malcolm King Scholarship was announced. Topic: Indigenous Rights in Ontario Hospitals Applicant: Aidan Mitchell-Boudreau, Massey College Junior Fellow Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Richardson, Temerty Faculty of Medicine Involved Organizations: Women's College Hospital; The Ontario Hospitals Association. Aidan was in attendance along with Members of her family and close friends.

My role for the evening was to provide closing

remarks at the dinner. I shared how our relationship began with Massey College and gave thanks to former Chief Carolyn King and Clara Fraser. Ms. Fraser was a student at Massey College. I also shared the decision to honor Dr. Malcolm King by providing a scholarship in his name. Former Councillor Veronica King and I met with both Dr. King and his wife (also a Dr. King) and drafted the criteria for the scholarship.

### DECEMBER 05, 2025

Elder Steven LaForme and I provided an opening for the FIFA 2026 games, which was held at St. Lawrence Market Front Street Toronto. Elder Steven provided a traditional opening smudge, a prayer and a drum song.



My role was to provide opening remarks on behalf of our Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault.

Washington D.C. was also hosting an official opening for FIFA 2026 at the Kennedy Centre at the same time as Toronto. Ogiima Kwe

Claire Sault was at the Kennedy Centre in Washington D.C. representing MCFN.

Later in the day I met with Tara Chadwick from Toronto Museum Services, to discuss repatriation of artifacts belonging to the MCFN. Tara and I took some time to walk down Front Street to view the plaque that was created by Chris Bateman, Plaques Manager at Heritage Toronto. The plaque was created to honour Chief Wabakinine of MCFN. Chief Wabakinine was killed in 1796 near the spot where the plaque has been placed.



### DECEMBER 11, 2025

Another meeting with FIFA 2026 to continue planning for the World Cup in 2026.

## **DECEMBER 17, 2025**

A virtual meeting was held with Sheridan College for the Indigenous Education Council. Our Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the College in 2025. Two Members of our Nation; Amy Reader and Holly Laforme are members of the staff at Sheridan College and are Members of the Indigenous Education Council. College updates were provided on programming and future budgets for the IEC were discussed.

## **JANUARY 04, 2026**

I attended the first meeting of the Language Revitalization Group. We were provided with terms of reference and guidelines for the committee. We will meet every two weeks if possible. Suggestions for surveys are welcome. We wish to reach out to our Members for suggestions.

## **JANUARY 09, 2026**

Participated in the quarterly meeting for the Niagara Reinforcement Line and provided the financial report to our CFO Tabitha King. In the afternoon, I met with Audrey Rochette and her Mother who is a Knowledge Keeper. We worked together with Darin Wybenga to create a Video for York University. Jordan Jamieson will be added to the same video at a later date. The video is a “welcome” to our Treaty Lands.

## **JANUARY 21, 2026**

I met with Tara Chadwick, Toronto Museum Services. We created a video with Adam LaForme and Heather George, Woodland Culture Centre Director. The video discusses the Repatriation of Artifacts to First Nations Peoples.

## **JANUARY 22 & 23, 2026 -FNWSC (First Nation With School Collective)**

Participated in the two-day workshop via virtual invite due to the snowstorm. Many participants joined virtually. There are eight First Nations who have been working together since 2017 lobbying to have complete control over their schools.

## **FEBRUARY 02, 2025**

Our working group for the Humber River held their first meeting of the new calendar year. We are still working toward obtaining Personhood for the Humber River. What is “personhood?” Personhood for a body of Water will have the same rights in a court of law as a person. Both New Zealand and the Province of Montreal have been successful in obtaining personhood for two rivers. Currently,

our Sister Nation the Mississaugas of Alderville have submitted a request for personhood for Rice Lake.

## **FEBRUARY 04, 2025**

The Language committee met and I joined from Toronto virtually. We continue to share information on moving forward to revitalize our Ojibway language. Terms of Reference have been finalized. Stories from Elder Peter Schuler were shared with the group.

## **FEBRUARY 05, 2026**

The Chiefs of Ontario held their Post Secondary Conference in Toronto. The staff from the Chiefs of Ontario recognizes our Treaties and I provided welcome remarks to Treaty 13. All of the Power Point presentations will be available on the Chiefs of Ontario website soon. There was excellent participation from the attendees for various Nations and organizations. Every Nation who processes post-secondary applications is seeking additional funding to cover costs related to Tuition. Tuition fees are not broken down and each year the costs increase, making it difficult to fund everyone who applies.

## **FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

Sheridan College held their Indigenous Committee virtually. Amy Reader and her colleague Randi Jacob are negotiating to have the tuition invoices to provide all of the costs associated with the Tuition; ie: city bus fees.

## **FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The staff of the Lifelong Learning department shared with me their individual responsibilities. More information is available to me and future meetings will be scheduled monthly. Questions that were asked at the January community meeting were discussed and follow-up information will be provided at the next official Board meeting.

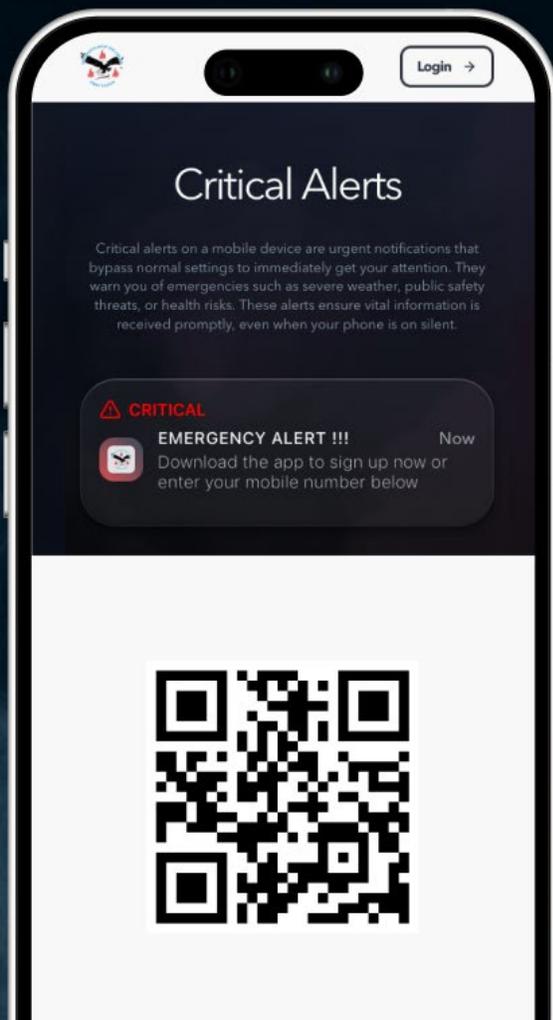
The second meeting that day provided me with information on the EQAO test results. At the next Board meeting we will discuss the results in more detail. My next report I will share if we are over or under budget for all of the Life-Long Learning departments.

A discussion on the department’s finances was discussed. The A/CAO provided information on Pillar 4 and her work plan was handed over to me to complete and prepare the work plan for 2026-2027 fiscal year.

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If you need help installing the app or registering, please contact [communications@mncfn.ca](mailto:communications@mncfn.ca). If Elders need assistance setting up the landline service, Peacekeepers can provide in-home support: 905-768-9990.



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# MCFN PEACEKEEPERS COMMUNITY SURVEY

MCFN Peacekeepers Service is conducting a community survey as part of its one-year assessment.

Your feedback will help identify what's working, what needs improvement, and the future direction of the service.

All participants will be entered into a draw for one of five \$50 gift cards.



Scan the QR code to access the survey

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## Isaiah's Next Chapter: From Champion to OFSAA Contender



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.

Since the beginning, Isaiah dominated the competition, earning multiple championship titles and making a name for himself in the wrestling community. He has competed and added more gold medals to his collection, each one a testament to his relentless work ethic, natural talent and taste for victory.

Isaiah won gold at the Cities tournament and then qualified for CWOSSA where he won the Championship. Because

he dominated the mat and came first, he's now preparing to participate in the OFSAA Championships 2026 taking place in Peterborough.

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.

We at home are so proud of him and elated at the opportunities that he has been given to go further than we could have ever imagined that his Pa took the lead in getting shirts made to show our support. Shirts can be purchased through Mike Maracle: (905) 807-5028



Congratulations Isaiah, your success reflects the strength of your spirit and the pride of MCFN!

## Housing Repair/Renovation & Sanitation (HRRS) and/or ISC/CMHC Programs

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

HRRS applications can be picked up at the Housing office (agimaw gamig Building-Administration) or you may call the Contract Housing Assistant, Alicia Maracle-Sault at 905-768-1133 ext. 1242 to request a mailed application or email Alicia.Maracle@mncfn.ca to have an application e-mailed to you. Applications are also available on the MCFN website.

**Applications are to be returned to the Housing Office by March 31st, 2026 – no later than 4 p.m.**

Once the deadline of March 31st, 2026 has passed, and all applications have been submitted:

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

applicant qualifies for (ISC/CMHC Program and/or the MCFN HRRS Program or both, IF available

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

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

For Emergencies (addressed as situations arise):

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

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

## New Housing Program

**Housing New applications are ongoing and can be picked up anytime throughout the year.** You may attend the Housing Office located in the agimaw gamig building (Administration) to obtain an application or you may request to have a Housing New application mailed to you by calling 905-768-1133, x 1241 or emailing Colette Webb at Colette.Webb@mncfn.ca to have an application emailed to you. Applications are also available on the MCFN website.

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

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

**There are approximately 125 individuals listed on the housing new list.**

The Housing Department offers Online Banking and Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Transactions! If you wish to set up your payments, please contact the Housing Financial Assistant, Colette Webb for detailed instructions at 905-768-1133 x 1241 or Colette.Webb@mncfn.ca.

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

As the snow begins to melt, water leaks and flooding can become a concern. Take proactive steps now to inspect and maintain your sump pump to help prevent costly basement damage. It's also a good idea to check your home for any signs of moisture early.

### **Helpful Tips to Manage Moisture or Water Issues:**

- **Act Quickly:** Dry or remove water-damaged items within the first 48 hours to reduce the risk of mold growth.
- **Fix Leaks Immediately:** Don't wait – repair any leaks as soon as they appear.
- **Dry Thoroughly:** Floors, walls, furniture and other wet items should be dried completely. Discard anything that cannot be dried.
- **Create Airflow:** Pull carpets and furniture away from wet walls to allow proper drying

## The Department of Lifelong Learning: Welcome to March!

Smile—most of winter and snow is behind us, and we can look forward to a new season with temperatures that aren't so brutal.

We open our arms to **Ziisbaakdoke Giizis**, meaning “Sugar making Moon” which marks the start of the maple sap flowing. We look forward to the changes of Mother Earth with the buds sprouting on the trees, and the birds returning in abundance—a beautiful sign of renewal and growth.

### Important Dates to Remember

- Daylight Saving Time begins: Clocks move ahead one hour on March 8th
- March Break: March 16th – 20th
- First Day of Spring: March 20th

### Parents of Graduating Elementary Students

Please check that your child's **Status Card** is up to date as copies of their “VALID” status cards are required for the MCFN Community Trust Graduation Award. We want to ensure that you have enough time to update their status cards.

### Maxwell King High School Incentive Awards Program

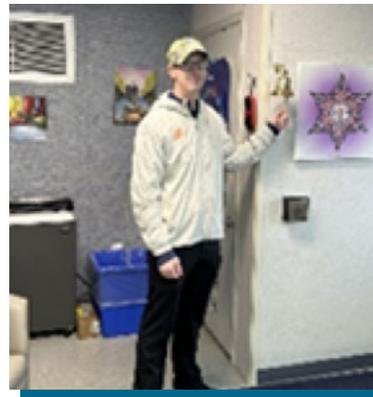
The goal of this program is to provide monetary incentive to students for each academic credit earned, leading to the attainment of a high school graduation diploma. This program may also cover the cost of course fees and student activity fees (subject to approval).

Applications are available online at [mncfn.ca/departments/lifelonglearning/](http://mncfn.ca/departments/lifelonglearning/) or forms can be picked up at the Lifelong Learning office. Please email your report card, valid status card, banking

information and completed application form to: Pet King - [LLClerk@mncfn.ca](mailto:LLClerk@mncfn.ca)

### Post-Secondary Achievements

Congratulations to Noah Clarke-Fearman, who has completed his Sport & Event Marketing Post Graduate Certificate (Fanshawe College); to complement his Sport Management Degree (Brock University). Good luck, Noah—we're cheering you on!



Congratulations to Brittany Skov. We've had the honour of meeting Brittany as she is one very busy student. Her achievements include a BA (H) in Psychology at University of Victoria, Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology through U of V. She is working on her PhD. in Clinical Psychology at Lakehead University. Great work Brittany, we are very proud of you.



## Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Highlights & Upcoming Events

**Supervisor:** Shannon King

**Assistant Supervisor:** Pam Bomberry

Well, the groundhog predicted an early spring, and we hope they are right! It started out as a chilly month with mostly indoor play, but now that we are outside, the children love it! Playing in the snow is so much fun, we even did a little sleigh riding!

This month we spent some time out on the trail and in the forest playground. We also had some dance parties and lots of fun adventures. If you are in the Centre, check out our talking Anishinaabemowin Board. Each month we will have new words to learn together.



## 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 Schroder, RECE

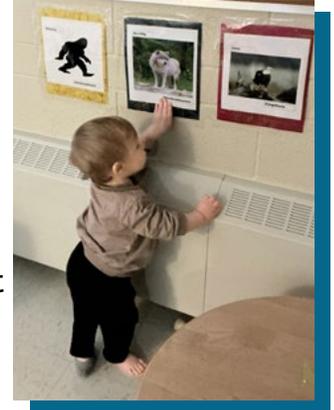
**Assistant Supervisor:** Greg Montour, RECE

Hopefully the cold weather stays away as we start our journey to Spring. With the snow melting the children have been exploring the wonderful world of puddles. When the children didn't get outside the Infants enjoyed the climber, building with blocks and doing creatives.

The toddlers would be working on their own creatives, beading, and drumming. The Preschoolers had a lot of different sensory activities on the go, as well as dance parties, and building with magna-tiles.



This month we are continuing to work on new goals for our Quality Care Initiative as well as continuing to work on our storage and isolation room project which is almost complete.



## 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.

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE EARLY YEARS WEBSITE REFRESH?

We've been busy behind the scenes giving our Early Years section of [mncfn.ca](http://mncfn.ca) a full refresh! Scan the QR code, or select Early Years from the home page on [mncfn.ca](http://mncfn.ca) to explore the updated pages!



## MCFN EarlyON Highlights and Upcoming Events

Are you looking to get out of the house, meet and connect with other parents and caregivers, or give your children (ages 0–6) new experiences? Come on out to MCFN EarlyON!

We are a free, warm, and welcoming space for you and your little ones to explore, play, and grow together. Be sure to check out our monthly calendars in The Eagles Press or online and follow our Facebook page “MCFN EarlyON” to stay up to date.

February has been full of joy at EarlyON — love is truly in the air! We ended January with our Welcome Baby Event, hosted by Kelly Henry and the EarlyON Team in partnership with Beth King, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children and our friends at the Haldimand Norfolk Public Health Unit where we celebrated our beautiful Abinoojiins of 2025. Miigwech Kelly for the wonderful night!



This month we've enjoyed Valentine's Day activities, wrapped up another wonderful

Baby Food Making Class, and made the most of the winter season with trail walks together.

As a part of our Indigenous Reads Book Club, on February 18th we were honoured to be joined by R. Stacey LaForme, author of *Beneath the Surface*. He visited EarlyON to read his beautiful poetry with our families. It was an evening filled with storytelling, connection, and meaningful moments shared together.

### Indigenous Reads Book of the Month:



The Buffalo Hunter  
by  
Stephen  
Graham Jones

For more info:  
[bookclub@mncfn.ca](mailto:bookclub@mncfn.ca)

We are also excited to share that Shelby Riddell will be returning to EarlyON! Shelby is a valuable member of our EarlyON team. We were so excited to welcome her back and continue creating meaningful connections in our community.



## Family Insights of the Month: Ryann LaForme

“As a first-time parent, coming to MCFN EarlyON has been such a comforting and positive experience for my family. Walking into a welcoming space where my child is encouraged to learn through play, culture, and connection has meant so much to me.

children but caregivers too. MCFN EarlyON has helped me build confidence as a new parent while giving my child a strong sense of belonging and were truly grateful for the community it provides.”

The staff create an environment that feels safe, supportive, and inclusive, not just for

## Baby Food Making Classes

Introducing purees and solids to babies is such an exciting time! What better way to come out to MCFN Early ON and connect with other caregivers while making yummy foods for your baby!

through baby led weaning. At each class we learned how to make nutritious fruits and vegetables into delicious purees for our babies.

We had a four-week program that ran through January and February. We created beautiful memories and baby purees

We will be running another program soon, stay tuned!

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

If you need help, please feel free to call or email us!



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# LIFELONG LEARNING

## 2026 March/HSS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 9-11 Loose Parts 1-3 Play & Learn	3 9-11 Explore fossils 1-3 Play & Learn	4 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	5 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	6 9-11 Oil experiment 1-3 Play & Learn	7
8	9 9-11 Baby washing 1-3 Play & Learn	10 9-11 Messy Play 1-3 Play & Learn	11 9-11 Infant Massage	12 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	13 9-11 Painting Rocks 1-3 Play & Learn	14
15	16 9-11 Fizz pops 1-3 Play & Learn	17 CLOSED	18 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Play & Learn	19 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	20 CLOSED	21
22	23 9-11 Easter Egg Playdough 1-3 Play & Learn	24 9-11 Sand Play 1-3 Play & Learn	25 9-11 Infant Massage 1-3 Play & Learn	26 9-11 Baby & Tot 1-3 Play & Learn	27 9-11 Celery stamping 1-3 Play & Learn	28
29	30 9-11 Truck Painting 1-3 Play & Learn	31 9-11 Bird Tuff Tray 1-3 Play & Learn				

Our HSS location is in Hagersville Secondary School at 70 Parkview Road in Hagersville. Play and Learn is open weekdays from 9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.

## 2026 March/HUB

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 9-11 Birds Nest 1-3 Play & Learn	3 9-11 Cardboard Ribbon skirt craft 1-3 Play & Learn	4 9-11 Loose Part Rainbows 1-3 Play & Learn	5 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	6 9-11 Breakfast 1-3 Play & Learn	7
8	9 9-11 Water Play 1-3 Play & Learn	10 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn 5-7 Dinner	11 9-11 Green Smoothies	12 9-11 Obstacle Course 1-3 Play & Learn	13 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	14
15	16 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	17 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	18 CLOSED	19 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	20 CLOSED	21
22	23 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	24 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	25 9-11 Sink or Float 1-3 Play & Learn	26 9-11 Story stone Kits 1-3 Play & Learn	27 9-11 Play & Learn 1-3 Play & Learn	28
29	30 9-11 Egg painting 1-3 Play & Learn	31 9-11 Baby Painting 1-3 Play & Learn				

Our HUB location is in the LSK and Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Building at 659 New Credit Road Building 3C.

Play and Learn is open weekdays from 9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.  
Join us every other Tuesday from 1 - 3 p.m. and Family Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m.

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

## In Kindergarten: Growing in Self-Love and Belonging



This month, our two kindergarten classes have been exploring self-love and individuality through the beautiful book *The Best Part of Me* by Wendy Ewald. In the story, children reflect on and celebrate their favourite parts of themselves — from their

strong legs that help them run fast, to their hands that create art, to their smiles that light up a room. Inspired by this powerful message, our students have been engaging in meaningful conversations about what makes each of them special and unique. Together, we talked about how every person is different, and how those differences are something to be proud of. Students shared thoughtful reflections such as loving their eyes because they help them see rainbows, their arms because they give the best hugs, and their brains

because they help them learn new things every day. Through drawing, writing, and class discussions, the children explored self-expression while building confidence and empathy for one another.

This learning connects beautifully to our focus on belonging and well-being. By encouraging children to recognize their own strengths and celebrate the uniqueness of their classmates, we are nurturing a classroom community rooted in kindness, respect, and self-acceptance.



We are so proud of the way our students are learning to see the “best part” in themselves — and in each other.

## Food Service Update: Pork Shoulder Pulls an All-Nighter!

**Food Service Lead:** Jamie Busche



Our kitchen was busy overnight this week! We slow-cooked pork shoulder low and slow while the school slept, so by morning it was fall-apart tender and ready to shred.

There’s something special about coming in early and smelling that rich, cozy aroma filling the kitchen. Served family-style, students got to scoop their own portions and enjoy a warm, hearty meal together.

Who knows what’s next on the menu? Stay tuned!

## LSK Highlights & Happenings

February was a meaningful month at LSK, filled with athletics, school spirit, cultural learning, and opportunities to connect as a community.

### **Basketball Season Highlights**

Our teams proudly represented LSK at the Six Nations tournaments. Although the Intermediate Girls tournament was cancelled due to snow days, our Junior and Intermediate Boys competed with great teamwork and sportsmanship. We are proud of all our athletes.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to the families who attended conferences. These conversations are key to supporting student growth and strengthening our home-school partnership.

### **Valentine's Day Spirit**

Student Council organized fun activities, including candy grams and a Staff vs. Students handball game, where staff narrowly won by two points.



### **Kindness Week (February 24–26)**

Students took part in activities promoting empathy, inclusion, and a positive school culture through classroom and school-wide initiatives.

### **Anti-Bullying Assembly & Pink Shirt Day**

We welcomed Ganohkwasra for a meaningful Anti-Bullying Assembly. Students engaged in important discussions about respect, standing up for others, and building a safe school community.



### **Grade 8 Cultural Experience**

Grade 8 students participated in a Sweat Lodge experience with Peter and Lois, learning about Indigenous teachings, reflection, and community.

March will bring more opportunities for community connection, athletics, and experiential learning.

### **Mnookmi Social – March 6**

We look forward to gathering at the Community Centre to celebrate the season, culture, and community together.

### **March Break – March 16–20**

We hope families enjoy a restful break and return refreshed for the remainder of the term.

### **Junior Badminton Tournament – March 24**

Our Junior Badminton team will compete in Six Nations. We wish them the best of luck.

### **Grade 7 & 8 Pickleball Experience – March 26**

Students will travel to Mucks Pickleball to develop skills and experience active living in a new setting.

### **Intermediate Badminton Tournament – March 31**

Our Intermediate team will wrap up the month competing in Six Nations. We are excited to see their hard work in action and know they will represent LSK with pride.

## From The Post-Secondary Desk

We are pleased to highlight one of our students currently attending the University of Guelph. Pursuing post-secondary education is a significant decision, whether or not it involves moving away from home. This transition brings many changes—you are surrounded by new people, learning to navigate both the campus and possibly a new city or town. You must also adapt to an environment that may be quite different from the high school you have just left.

As a post-secondary student, you are now expected to demonstrate adult responsibilities. Often, this means completing numerous forms and communicating on your own behalf. It is important to remember that others will not know what you are thinking or experiencing unless you tell them. One of the most valuable skills you will develop during this time is self advocacy. No one can speak for you better than you can. Whether it is expressing your needs, challenges, or even simple preferences—like choosing the colour yellow over red—effective communication is essential.

In addition to managing your academic responsibilities and attending classes each day, you may also consider finding part time employment to support your financial needs. Many opportunities exist on campus, whether through the institution itself or through contracted services such as food providers. Each opportunity may come with more forms to complete and more people to engage with—another introduction to the world of customer service.

All of these experiences contribute to your overall learning, far beyond the classroom. They help you discover what brings you joy, what challenges you, and what you may prefer not to do in the future. Together, these lessons shape your educational journey, support your career development, and guide you as you contribute to your community and grow into a confident, capable, and fulfilled individual.

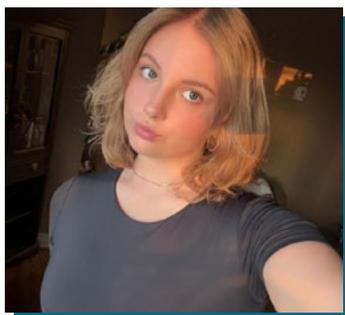
As always, we are proud to support our students as they learn, grow and take confident steps toward their futures.

### Post-Secondary Student Spotlight: Presley Payne

Hello!

My name is Presley Payne. I am in the English (Honours) program with a minor in Media and Cinema studies at the University of Guelph. I am in residence, which has been an amazing experience. My roommate and I are very close and we get along great with the other students in our building, who are all so nice and very approachable.

My biggest surprise has been how quickly the year has gone by. There are so many opportunities to make new friends and experience new things that it's almost hard to keep track of them.



My journey has been (luckily) quite linear and straight-forward. I always knew I wanted to major in English and what sort of career path I was interested in, which made the university application process quite simple and clear.

My biggest advice is to put yourself out there! I know that's what everybody says, but seriously, it's such a great way to meet new people and make connections. Find people with similar interests as you. Join clubs. Go to school events, you only get to experience first year once!

Hopefully my course will take me somewhere in the field of media journalism, specifically music or film. I'd also love to find a way to give back to and contribute to my First Nations community of MCFN!



## 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.

$$6(1) + 6(1) = 6(1)$$

$$6(1) + 6(2) = 6(1)$$

$$6(2) + 6(2) = 6(1)$$

$$6(1) + \text{Non-Status} = 6(2)$$

$$6(2) + \text{Non-Status} = \text{Non-Status}$$

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## Community Wellness Distribution 2025/2026



LANDS AND MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

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

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 NOA 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):  <div style="text-align: center;">             _____ / _____ / _____              YYYY                      MM                      DD           </div>	
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> Parent/Guardian Signature    Date:	<b>Total Receipts:</b>  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:	
<b>1500</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00</b>

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 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 **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.

FULL NAME (as it appears on Status Card):	REGISTRY NUMBER (10 Digit):
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:	BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD):  <div style="text-align: center;">             _____ / _____ / _____              YYYY                      MM                      DD           </div>
EMAIL ADDRESS:	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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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="font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">X</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="width: 45%;"><i>Signature</i></span> <span style="width: 45%;"><i>Date:</i></span> </div>	<b>Total Receipts:</b>  <b>Amount:    \$    1,500.00</b>
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Lost or Stolen CIS/SCIS Cards



Lost or stolen CIS/SCIS cards are to be reported to the Lands & Membership office at 6 First Line in Hagersville or (905) 768-0100.

A 3-week waiting period will take effect from the date that it was reported to Lands & Membership.

If the CIS/SCIS card was **still valid** when it was lost or stolen:  
the 3-week waiting period will apply.

If the CIS/SCIS card was **expired** when it was lost or stolen:  
the 3-week waiting period will **NOT** apply.

If a valid police report is filed and provided to Lands & Membership,  
the 3-week waiting period may be waived.

**Status Cards are only processed at the  
Lands & Membership office on  
Thursdays & Fridays • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Miigwech for your understanding.

# 13 MOONS - ANISHINAABE CALENDAR



ZISBAAKDOKE D'BIK-GIIZIS - SUGAR MOON - MARCH

**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 March:

***Gigii-zhaa ina Tim Hortons-ing?***

which means

***Did you go to Tim Hortons?***

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!

# MINO-BIMAADIZIWIN COMMUNITY SOCIAL

Friday, March 20th, 2026

4 - 8 p.m.

MCFN Community Centre

Join us for an evening of culture, connection, and celebration! We'll begin with a traditional social featuring the big drum and dancing, share a meal together, and then continue the celebration with a live band and contemporary social

Come be part of a night where tradition and today come together!

If you're planning to attend, please email Chris to help us with catering numbers.

For more information,  
please contact Chris Myke  
[chris.myke@mncfn.ca](mailto:chris.myke@mncfn.ca)  
905-768-1181



# SOCIAL & HEALTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ASP March Break Day Camp Registration 6-7:30 @ S&H  Yoga 6-6:50 @ CC	3 ASP	4 ASP BFSG 12-1:30- Little Turtle Room  Youth Group, Gr 3-5 6:30-8:30	5 ASP <b>Grief Workshop 5-7pm</b>  Youth Group Gr 6-8, 6-8pm	6 ASP School Hockey Tourney (London)  Youth Group Highschool Grades 6-9pm	7
8	9 ASP Yoga 6-6:50 @ CC Women's Group	10 ASP Fitness w Baby 11-12 @ CC  Water testing Men's Group	11 ASP L&L- Metabolic Diseases 12-1 @ S&H  Youth Group, Gr 3-5 6:30-8:30	12 ASP <b>Grief Workshop 5-7pm</b>  Youth Group Gr 6-8, 6-8pm	13 ASP Youth Group Highschool Grades 6-9pm	14
15 Painting Class 12-3 March Break- school closed all week >>	16 Yoga 6-6:50 @ CC Women's Group  Income Statements Due	17 Water testing Men's Group  Income Statements Due	18 Income Statements Due	19 Craft Day TBD- 1-3 Grief Workshop 5-7pm  Income Statements Due	20 Income Statements Due	21 Conestoga College Powwow Outing 10-4
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# ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, WITHOUT A TICK

**Lyme disease** is spread by the bite of infected blacklegged ticks. These ticks are often found in and near areas with trees, shrubs, tall grass or piles of leaves.

**Follow these tips when heading outside:**



01

## PREVENT

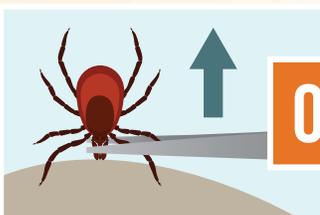
- Wear light coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Tuck your shirt into your pants, and your pants into your socks.
- Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Use bug spray with DEET or Icaridin (always follow label directions).
- Walk on cleared paths or walkways.
- You can also wear permethrin-treated clothing, now available in Canada (always follow label directions).



02

## CHECK

- Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outdoors.
- Do a daily full body tick check on yourself, your children, your pets and your gear.
- Put your clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes.



03

## TAKE ACTION

- Use clean fine-point tweezers to immediately remove attached ticks by slowly pulling them straight out. Try not to twist or squeeze the tick.
- Wash the bite area with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Keep the tick in a closed container and bring it with you if you go see your health care provider.
- Contact your health care provider if you're not feeling well or if you are concerned after being bitten by a tick.

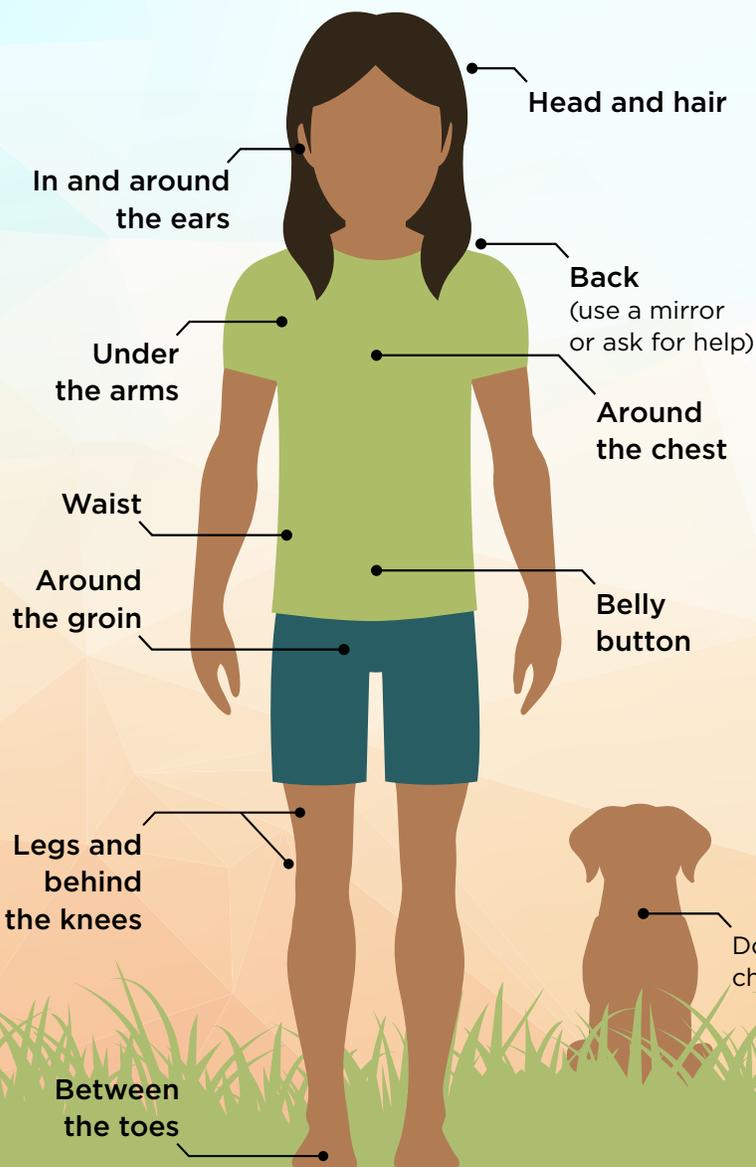
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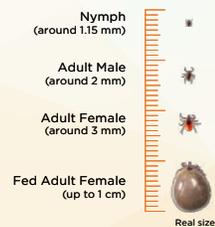
# TOP 10 TICK HIDING SPOTS ON YOUR BODY

Tick checks are one of the ways you can prevent Lyme disease and other infections spread by ticks. **Check your entire body**, especially:



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

Feel for **bumps** and look for tiny **dark spots**. Look carefully, most ticks are very small!



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# LUNCH & LEARN: METABOLIC DISEASES & DISORDERS

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

12 - 1 p.m.

**Social & Health**  
Upper Level Boardroom

Join us to learn more about metabolic diseases and disorders, including diabetes, obesity, fatty liver disease, high cholesterol, and hypertension with a healthcare professional from the Haldimand Family Health Team!

Light lunch and refreshments provided

Limited seating, please register with Laura-Lee by Monday, March 9th!

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To register, please contact Laura-Lee at:  
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or call the Health Office  
at (905) 768-1181  
x 4241





# PARENTING WORKSHOP

**Monday, March 23rd, 2026**

**6 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Social & Health, Lower Level**

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Registration deadline: Thursday, March 19th by 12 p.m.

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\*No meeting in December

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### Where?

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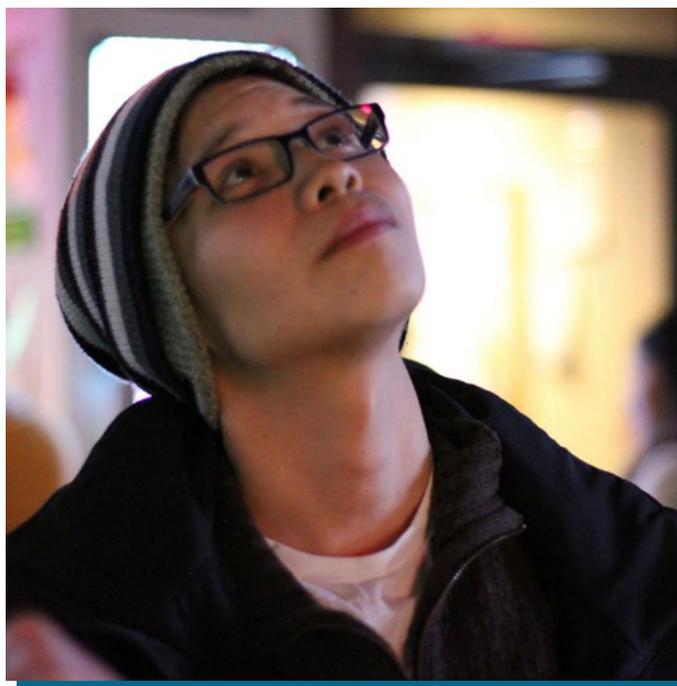
### When?

Mondays - March 2nd, 9th,  
16th, 23rd, & 30th

6 - 6:45 p.m.

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

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## **Quinby Leland Zachariah-Diaz • “Deyohateh”**

December 5th, 1991 - February 2nd, 2026

Tragically, on February 2, 2026 we lost a loving and gentle soul, our beloved Deyohateh was taken and is traveling home. Youngest son to Tracy “Adohwehjina” Zachariah-Diaz and Franklin Diaz, beloved brother to Joshua Zachariah-Diaz, family fur friend Suki. Grandson to Yolanda Diaz , Gerardo Diaz (pre-deceased), Gramma Sally (pre-deceased) and Bompa Cleve General (pre-deceased).

Deyohateh, will be missed by his aunties, uncles, cousins and friends. Quinby was a man who lived life at full volume-literally and figuratively. Known for his infectious, booming laughter and his “loud” personality that could light up any room, Quinby never did anything halfway. An adventurer at heart, he was happiest when he was out exploring the world on two wheels. Whether he was navigating a challenging trail or cruising through city streets, cycling was his freedom. His other great passion was the kitchen. Quinby didn’t just cook; he created experiences, delighting in preparing elaborate meals and sharing them with anyone lucky enough to be at his table. He loved to eat as much as he loved to feed others, believing that a good meal was the best way to bring people together.

Above all his adventures, Quinby’s greatest love was his family. He shared an unbreakable bond with his mom and dad, Tracy and Frank, and was a fiercely loyal brother to Joshua. He was the heart of every family gathering, leaving behind a legacy of love with his many cousins and his aunties, all of whom he held exceptionally dear.



## Maureen Laforme

December 18, 1952 - February 21, 2026

Maureen's greatest pride and joy was her family, here and abroad. She was a firecracker who brought happiness and energy to those lucky enough to be around her. A bright light with a unique spirit she was the life of the party.

Maureen's calling came as an ECE in Canada as a daycare teacher on the Mississauga of the Credit FN. She shared her funny and caring ways with the children. A natural entertainer, her silly songs always brought smiles and laughter. Her continued connection with past students and then their children was something she cherished. She was a proud community member.

Maureen was the loving mother of Leo(Kerrie), Daniel(Shannon) and Justin(Jenny) grandmother of Amanda, Jaime-Lee, Raven, Aiden, Quinn, Bella, Gracie, Connor and Declan. Great grandchildren Kylie, Boden, Harlow and Leo. She is also survived by her sisters Margaret, Kathleen and brother John, nieces and nephews in England and Australia.

Maureen is predeceased by her true love Leo, sisters Edna and Teresa, sister in law Donna, brother in law Ronnie and grandson Kieran.

The world is dimmer without her bright light. We will hold close her lessons, humour, encouragement and unwavering love. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be dearly missed by all whose lives she touched. Forever in our hearts.

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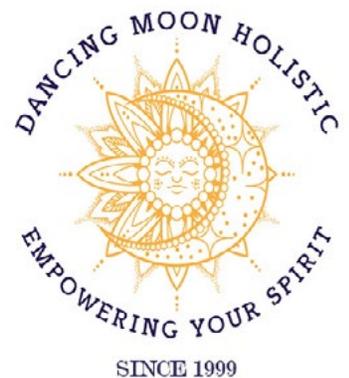
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