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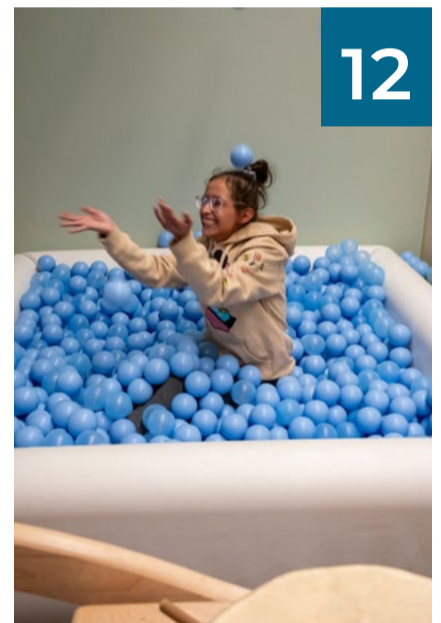
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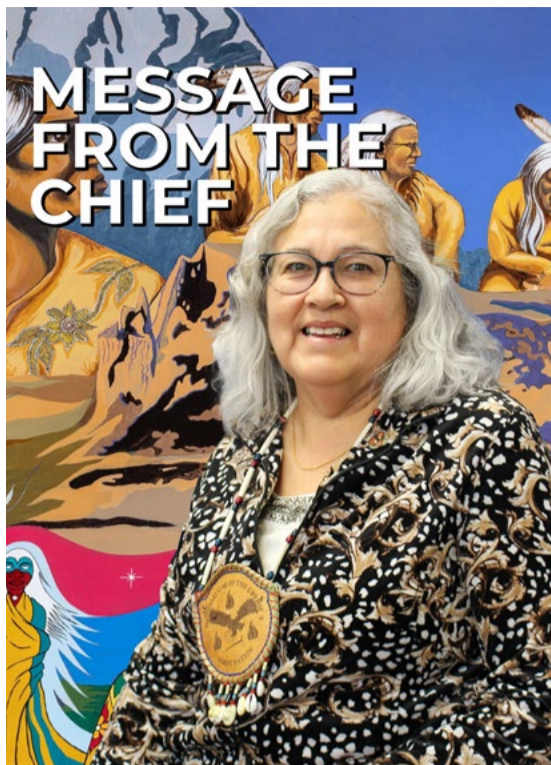
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Aanii to everyone!

May has been another busy month for both myself and Council. As the sole Treaty-holders for 3.9 million acres in Ontario, there are so many opportunities to promote our First Nation on a local, regional and national level.

In-Community Events

I attended all the regularly scheduled Council meetings as well as a special meeting of Council this month. I also participated in the annual general meeting with the Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation (MCBC). Council appointed two new members to the Board. I see great things in the future for them and look forward to the formal announcement of their appointments.

Our Historical Gathering was brought to a close on May 1st, and once again, it was a very informative session and well attended. Kudos to the organizing committee.

MCFN hosted the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on May 6th to the 8th for on-going hearings and closing arguments on the current Human Rights case. MCFN originally filed the Special Education Human Rights challenge in 2015, and were successful. It later expanded to address the inadequate funding to all First Nation children on-reserve. Arguments were made on MCFN's behalf by legal repre-

sentative Kent Elson, and Canada made their arguments. The case was heard by a mediator of the CHRT, who will then take the information presented and make a decision on the matter. This is an important challenge. We had two ladies that came from Treaty 5 area to show support to MCFN.

I attended the Mother's Day Brunch at the Community Centre on May 9th, hosted by Social Services. Great attendance, great food, gifts for Mom and family pictures were taken for those who wanted them. Miigwech for all the staff that make their events great.

On May 23rd, we held our Community meeting, which focused on presentations by Councillor Jai King-Green, our Pillar 5 Lead; Cultural Awareness, Communications and Outreach, who did a presentation on the work she has been doing with the departments under her Pillar, and presented budgets to accompany the departments. Councillor Larry Sault, our Pillar 6 Lead: Infrastructure, Community & Membership Development, also provided a PowerPoint presentation on his priorities and costs, supported by information from his relevant departments. Chi-miigwech to everyone who participated in this session, and to Tyrell King and his daughter Amryn, for opening the meeting in a good way.

Council Representation

Please note that the following does not necessarily reflect all of the meetings and/or events that I was part of, representing our First Nation.

On May 15, I did a welcome speech for the Bikaabiidaa Healing Lodge, located at the new property MCFN obtained during the last term of Council. This healing lodge, that houses the Victim Services of Haldimand, Norfolk and New Credit is a very much needed place and long overdue. Stop by and check it out. Following this opening, I met with Mayor Bentley of Haldimand Norfolk.

On May 21, I attended the un-

veiling of a monument in remembrance of Catherine Sutton (Nanhee), who was a strong Mississauga woman who lost her status and her land when she married a non-Indigenous man. She journeyed to England to have an audience with the Queen for her rights and land. The monument stands outside the Council house and the event was hosted by the Moccasin Identifier Program.

Throughout the month, I did several in-person openings with organizations and companies in MCFN treaty lands, as well as numerous video welcomes. As noted above, Council is always promoting MCFN. Chi-miigwech to our Communications team for being able to script, record and prepare all of the video welcomes we offer to external organizations. This is a very important piece in helping people know who MCFN is.

Upcoming Events

MCFN continues to attend FIFA meeting. I attend the Indigenous Advisory Board, (IAB) of which I am the co-chair. Chi-miigwech to Councillor Jai King Green and her team for all the planning and work they are doing for this national event. June 12 is opening ceremony and first game being hosted in Toronto. On July 7, the Caravan will be in our community, and we will be watching two games. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, including those from surrounding communities. We were successful in securing funding for our involvement in FIFA.

In closing, I want to again say Chi-miigwech to all our staff in our organization. I try to recognize our staff during staff appreciation days and weeks, as every one of you matter, and your contributions to MCFN do not go unnoticed.



COUNCILLOR JESSE HERKIMER



Miigwech to everyone taking the time to read, stay informed, and take part in what is happening across our Nation. There continues to be important work happening across several files as we build relationships, protect our interests, and ensure our voice is heard.

One event that stood out this month was the FNMPC 2026 Conference hosted at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto. In place of the Chief, I was asked to attend and provide both the opening and closing remarks for the conference. My remarks centered around the importance of rights belonging not to corporations or councils, but to the people of the Nations themselves, and the responsibility we all carry when making decisions that will impact future generations.

Additions to Reserve Update. Most recently, the Environmental Site Assessment review moved through an extremely quick turnaround timeline (less than a week). I want to recognize the strong work being done by our ISC representative to help expedite this dated process alongside us.

As expected, the Department of Justice has continued attempting to shift certain issues and responsibilities back onto the Nation. With the support of our legal team, we have been pushing back firmly where appropriate and continue making meaningful progress as we work through these matters. While there are still hurdles ahead, the work remains active and productive.

Another notable development this month was the signing of a partnership agreement with Arcadis. A dedicated article will follow.

The development sector has seen significant shifts, with major slowdowns in a few key areas over the last year. While this has created uncertainty across the broader development sector, it has also created an opportunity for us to reassess and realign how we work with major partners involved in development projects across our territory. The work completed over the last several years has positioned us well for this moment.

We continue ongoing discussions and relationship building with proponents including Northcrest Developments, Canada Lands Company, and Waterfront Toronto. While market conditions may be changing, the work itself has not slowed down. Instead, we are strategically repositioning ourselves to ensure the Nation remains meaningfully involved in the planning, development, economic opportunities.

Chief and I participated in a very productive introductory meeting with Toronto Hydro, which later led to a meeting with our business corporation. Over the last several quarters, Toronto Hydro has undergone significant internal restructuring and appears to be approaching partnerships and business relationships more collaboratively. We see strong potential to build upon the partnerships and relationships we already have in place while exploring opportunities in infrastructure, energy, procurement, and long term economic collaboration that will benefit the Nation.

While attending a recent breakfast hosted by the Canadian Club in Toronto, I was taken back by the way the audience was addressed without recognizing Us as Treaty holders. After confronting the Canadian Club Chair, the conversation resulted in both an apology and an invitation for the Chief to attend one of their upcoming luncheons featuring Minister Rickford. Chief will be seated at the head table and will also be provided time to address attendees. While these moments can be frustrating, they also create opportunities to educate, build understanding, and ensure our Nation's presence and responsibilities as Treaty holders are properly recognized in spaces where important conversations are taking place.

COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



April 16, 2026: A few members of the MCFN Chief and Council, along with their spouses attended the annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast at the Fisherville Lions Hall. A small group of volunteers organize the annual breakfast. In 2025, the breakfast was cancelled due to the passing of one of the volunteers: Marie Trainer. Marie was one of the founding members to assist in the planning of the annual breakfast. The intent was to pray for and inspire the local leadership. The guests always include local politicians, local fire and paramedic departments. More than two hundred people attended the 2026 Grand River Leadership Prayer Breakfast.

April 22, 2026: A meeting took place with the Employment and Training Coordinator to review the budget and proposed funding needs for the next few months. The new format will consist of two members of the MCFN Council, plus one council alternate, the A/CAO. The meetings will be scheduled on a needs basis, and quarterly reports will be provided to the MCFN Council.

April 28, 2026: I informed our Chief and Council of the opportunity to receive funding from the Downie Wenjack Foundation. Chanie Wenjack was a 12-year-old who ran away from a residential school in the 1960s. While eight other students who fled with him were caught and returned, Chanie was not. He was later found near a railway track, having died from exposure and lack of food. His story later came to the attention of Gord Downie. The late Gord Downie learned of Chanie Wenjack's story and created the Downie Wenjack Foundation. This year the Foundation will provide funding for the MCFN Youth group to attend and participate in the annual Downie Wenjack festival.

April 25, 2026: The monthly community meeting was held. Councillors who are working on Environment and Education, presented their plans to the MCFN membership.

April 29, 2026: A meeting was held with the Lifelong Learning Board to review and update the Terms of Reference. The revised version will be presented to MCFN Chief and Council for approval in June 2026.

May 04, 2026: I participated via video in the Massey College Chapel committee meeting. Currently, the committee members will be working on plans for the September 30th National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Chair of the Chapel committee is Mary McGeer. Mary volunteers at Massey College assisting with the Chapel, and organizing training for students who are interested in learning the history of MCFN.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE MARCH 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/ Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault	Attended All Meetings	
Jesse Herkimer	Attended All Meetings	
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	May 26th	Away on Council Business
Ashley Sault	Attended All Meetings	
Erma Ferrell	Attended All Meetings	
Jai King-Green	May 12th	Away on Council Business
Larry Sault	May 5th	Away on Council Business
Fawn Sault	May 12th May 26th	Sick - Later joined via Teams Away on Council Business

MCBC and Arcadis Launch Landmark Partnership



From left: Aubrey Jacob, Francis Weston, Neil Freeman, Scott Arbuckle, Warren Sault, Chief Margaret Sault, Michael Rattray, Titka Seddighi, Larry Sault, William Briscoe, Terry Cooke, and Councillor Jesse Herkimer

On April 29, 2026, the Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation (MCBC) marked a significant milestone with the formal announcement of a new limited partnership with global design and consulting firm Arcadis. The announcement was made during a ceremony held at the CN Tower, overlooking the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

This new entity, the MCBC-Arcadis Limited Partnership, establishes Arcadis as MCBC's design and advisory partner for development opportunities across MCFN Treaty Lands. These lands—spanning much of the Greater Toronto and Greater Golden Horseshoe areas—cover approximately 3.9 million acres and are home to nearly 10 million people. As the sole Treaty Holder, MCFN continues to assert its role in shaping the future of this rapidly growing region.

Majority-owned by MCBC, the partnership represents a model for Indigenous-led development—grounded in Nationhood, responsibility, and long-term vision. Through this collaboration, MCBC and Arcadis will work as one team to pursue projects in infrastructure, architecture, urban planning, and climate adaptation. Central to this work is a shared commitment to embedding Indigenous knowledge, leadership, and values into every stage of development.

Chief Margaret Sault emphasized the importance of the partnership: “Grounded in our responsibility to our people and future generations, this partnership reflects our commitment to ensuring the Nation’s voice is not only heard, but upheld in decisions that shape our communities. Through this work, we are building opportunities that support prosperity today while protecting what we hold for those yet to come. Arcadis’ partnership and expertise will help ensure that MCFN is actively involved in development across our Treaty Lands in a way that respects our values and vision.”

The partnership spans a diverse region that includes more than 60 municipalities and positions MCBC to participate in projects brought forward within Treaty Lands, as well as other opportunities across Ontario where both parties collaborate.

For MCBC, this partnership is a strategic step toward long-term economic self-determination. By aligning with a globally recognized firm, the Nation strengthens its capacity to influence development while ensuring projects reflect community priorities and cultural values.

Warren Sault, President and CEO of MCBC, highlighted the significance of the collaboration: “Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation exists to create opportunities and growth

for the First Nation. By partnering with a leading global architecture, engineering, and consulting firm, we can bring world-class infrastructure solutions to our Treaty Lands that reflect our values and vision.”

From Arcadis’ perspective, the partnership builds on an existing relationship with MCFN and reflects a shared commitment to respectful, community-driven development.

“Our partnership with MCBC mirrors our longstanding respect for MCFN’s leadership and Treaty Lands and represents a natural evolution of our relationship,” said Scott Arbuckle, Canada Country Director for Arcadis. “It allows us to support long-term growth, economic development, cultural expression, and community-led development.”

The partnership follows an exclusivity agreement signed in fall 2025 and will be jointly managed by representatives from both organizations. Offices will be based within MCFN Treaty Lands in Hagersville, Ontario, as well as in Arcadis’ downtown Toronto location.

As development pressures continue to grow across southern Ontario, this partnership signals a shift—one where Indigenous leadership is central. Through this model, MCFN reinforces its role in shaping the future of its Treaty Lands while balancing economic opportunity with cultural responsibility and environmental stewardship.



From left: Aubrey Jacob, Scott Arbuckle, Chief Margaret Sault, Warren Sault.

Honouring the Past, Strengthening the Future

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation welcomed community members, Knowledge Keepers, staff, and guests to its 14th Historical Gathering this past week, bringing together generations of voices, teachings, and stories in a powerful reflection on Mississauga history and identity.

The two-day gathering was held at the MCFN Community Centre, on April 30 and May 1. It created space for learning, discussion, and cultural connection through presentations focused on treaties, governance, traditional teachings, and Nation-building. Throughout the day, attendees moved between sessions exploring Creation stories, early Mississauga life, the impacts of the Indian Act, and the importance of carrying cultural knowledge forward for future generations.

In her opening remarks, MCFN Chief Margaret Sault reflected on the origins of the gathering, which began more than a decade ago as a way to bring people together to better understand the Nation's history and responsibilities. She encouraged participants to take time to listen, reflect, and strengthen relationships rooted in shared understanding and respect.



Knowledge Keeper Valerie King presenting on traditional medicines.

One of the highlights was a mural walk led by Cultural Coordinator Tyrell King, who guided attendees through Kiiwin Dabaadjmowin ("Our Story"), a large-scale mural depicting key moments in Anishinaabe history, including the transition from woodland life to village life, the World Wars, residential schools, and visions for the future.

Guest speakers included MCFN's own Heritage Interpreter Darin Wybenga who took participants through the history of the Nation's Treaties using the Communications Department's Digital Timeline. Historian Dr. Alan Corbiere spoke about Anishinaabe language revitalization and history, and photographer and author Mark Zelinski shared stories from the newly released

book *Niagara Escarpment: Land Between Waters*. Chief Sault and Director of Lands and Membership Delainie King spoke about the Indian Act and how it has affected generations of Indigenous people including women who lost their status after marriage or were forced to register with their husband's nation and much more.



Traditional medicine teachings from Knowledge Keepers Mark Sault and Valerie King also drew strong interest, with discussions focused on healing, ceremony, and the connection between culture and the natural world. Participants left with more than information; they carried renewed connections to community, history, and the teachings that continue to guide the MCFN forward.

Miigwech to all of the speakers and all those who took part.



Cultural Coordinator Tyrell King presenting the Kiiwin Dabaadjmowin "Our Story" mural

Member Spotlight: Emalia La Forme Accepted to Top Buffalo High School



At just 13 years old, Emalia La Forme is already proving that perseverance, determination and kindness can carry a person through even the toughest challenges.

This fall, Emalia will begin Grade 9 at Hutchinson Central Technical High School in Buffalo, New York — a highly regarded school known for its strong academic and technology-focused programming. She earned her acceptance after successfully completing a rigorous entrance examination, motivated by her passion for computer science, digital animation, and video game development.

While preparing for the exam, Emalia admitted she felt overwhelmed with stress and anxiety.

“She was almost in tears the night before,” her mother shared. “But once she started the test, she calmed herself down and pushed through.”

For Emalia, the acceptance represents much more than getting into a prestigious school. It is also a personal victory after enduring bullying throughout middle school, where she was repeatedly targeted and made to feel different by other students.

Despite those experiences, Emalia remained focused on her future.

“Eventually all my hard work at school would pay off,” she said. “I knew I would graduate regardless of the horrible things other children were saying to me.”

Her mother says what makes her most proud is not only Emalia’s academic success, but also the way she carried herself through adversity.

“No matter what Emalia faced, she was still respectful to her elders,” she said. “She literally held doors open for her bullies and smiled at me as she did it.”

The achievement is especially emotional for Emalia’s mother, who reflected on her own experiences as a young parent.

“This achievement means more than I could ever put into words,” she shared. “Being a teen mother that did not finish high school, knowing that my efforts were not for nothing — the feeling

is indescribable. My child that I had as a child is going to a top school.”

Emalia hopes to pursue a future in cartooning or video game development and is eager to begin exploring computer sciences in high school to strengthen her understanding of coding and digital animation.

“For as long as I can remember, I’ve always wanted to become a cartoonist or a video game developer,” Emalia said. “I want to get into computer sciences in high school so that I will have a better understanding of digital animation and coding before I get any older.”

She credits creators like video game developer Toby Fox, web cartoonist Matthew Daelin Littlemore and animator Tom Warburton as inspirations behind her dreams.

Music has also played an important role in helping her stay positive during difficult moments.

“My whole life, music has always helped me through troublesome times,” Emalia shared. “A quote from a song by my favourite band, Bloodhound Gang, goes, ‘I’m a legend in my spare time,’ and it’s stuck with me for a long time.”

The community congratulates Emalia on this incredible accomplishment and wishes her continued success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

Share Your Story With The Community!

We love celebrating our members! If you have a story, achievement, or project you’d like to highlight, send it our way at communications@mncfn.ca. Please include photos if you have them!



Building Connections at the MCFN Career & Job Fair

Annual event brings together employers, partners, and community members to explore opportunities.



From left: Councillor Erma Ferrell, HR Assistant Miracle Oke-Ighalo and Employment and Training Coordinator Andrea King.

More than 25 organizations, businesses, and community departments gathered at the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Career Fair on Thursday, May 14, as community members filled the Community Centre to connect with employers, training opportunities, and support services from across the region.

Organized by MCFN Employment and Training, the annual Career & Job Fair brought together 28 vendors, including a wide range of employers, educational institutions, and service providers focused on career development, skills training, and community support. Tables lined the venue throughout the event as attendees spoke directly with recruiters, explored educational pathways, submitted resumes, and learned more about opportunities available both within the Nation and beyond.

Employment and Training Coordinator Andrea King helped lead the event, which featured strong participation from multiple MCFN departments, including DOCA, Communications and Events, Public Works, and Lifelong Learning. Community

members also had the opportunity to connect with representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police, Service Canada, Six Nations Polytechnic, Northcrest Developments, Walker Industries, and many other organizations offering employment, training, and educational resources.

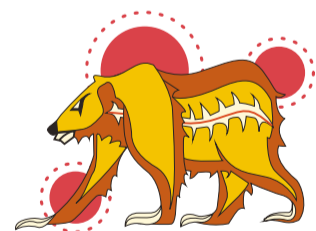
Service Canada was among the booths supporting attendees, where staff assisted with SIN number renewals and other important documentation services. Representatives from colleges, skilled trades, and industry partners also spent the day answering questions and discussing future opportunities with youth,

students, and community members exploring new career paths.

The event was marked by strong enthusiasm from both vendors and attendees, creating a positive and engaging environment centred on employment opportunities, networking, and career development. Participants showed great interest in connecting with potential employers, sharing information, and exploring future opportunities.

Attendees were also treated to food and refreshments while visiting booths and taking part in discussions, contributing to a welcoming and community-focused atmosphere throughout the day.

By the end of the event, King noted the fair highlighted the value of creating direct connections between community members and the growing number of career, education, and training opportunities available both within MCFN and across the region. The strong engagement contributed to the overall success of this year's event.



Honouring Nahneebahwequay: New Monument Unveiled at MCFN



A new monument honouring Catherine Sutton, also known as Nahneebahwequay, was unveiled this week at Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's (MCFN) Historic Council House grounds on May 21 as community members, partners, descendants and organizers gathered to recognize the life and legacy of the influential MCFN member and advocate.

The installation was created through the Moccasin Identifier (MI) initiative, an organization dedicated to increasing the visibility of Indigenous history, presence and treaty relationships across Canada through public art and education projects.

The unveiling brought together speakers from MCFN, the MI team, the Greenbelt Foundation, descendants of Nahneebahwequay and community supporters.

MCFN Chief Margaret Sault described the monument as an important reflection of community history and identity.

"Today's event is about more

than the unveiling of an installation," Sault said. "It is about honouring legacy, acknowledging leadership, and ensuring that the stories of our people continue to be seen, shared, and remembered."

Sault spoke about Nahneebahwequay's advocacy and determination during a time when Indigenous voices, particularly Indigenous women's voices, were often ignored.

Nahneebahwequay was a prominent 19th-century Anishinaabe woman from the Credit River Mississaugas. Born in 1824, she was the niece of Methodist minister and MCFN leader Peter Jones, also known as Kahkewaquonaby. She became widely known for advocating for Indigenous land rights and for challenging colonial policies that discriminated against Indigenous women.

After marrying an English Methodist minister, Nahneebahwequay lost legal recognition as an "Indian" under colonial laws of the time, which prevented her family from holding title

to reserve land. In response, she launched a years-long campaign seeking recognition of her rights and the rights of her children. Her advocacy eventually took her overseas to England, where, while eight months pregnant, she travelled to present her case directly to Queen Victoria. Chief Sault said,

"She reminds us of the importance of courage, perseverance, and speaking up for what is right, even in the face of tremendous challenges,"

The Chief also emphasized the role public monuments can play in increasing awareness and visibility of Indigenous histories.

"For many years, our histories and contributions were absent from public spaces and public understanding," she said. "Monuments like this help change that."



Pat Mandy, board chair of MI, said the project reflects a broader vision of recognizing treaty relationships and Indigenous presence across the country.

“Canada will be covered in moccasins reflective of a living commitment to land and treaty,” Mandy said.

Mandy said Nahneebahwequay has served as an inspiration and role model to her personally as “a strong Indigenous woman.”

Carolyn King founder of MI, spoke about the importance of reclaiming and sharing Indigenous histories through projects rooted in community spaces.

“As we work on different projects to reclaim our history as First Nations people, because sometimes we get lost in everybody else’s history,” King said.

King noted that the site chosen for the monument holds significance for the community and regularly hosts gatherings, ceremonies and cultural events.

“This is a great place for it,” she said. “It showcases a lot of our history.”

King also reflected on Nahneebahwequay’s role within political history and her extensive advocacy work.

Laurie Froman, executive director of MI, thanked community leadership and partners for supporting the project.

“We honour the legacy, resilience,

courage and commitment for the betterment of her people and Indigenous people,” Froman said.

Froman also acknowledged the support of the Greenbelt Foundation and the collaboration involved in bringing the monument to completion.

Risa Cooper, Director of Grant Programs and Strategic Communications for the Greenbelt Foundation, said the organization was honoured to support the initiative.

“The Ontario Greenbelt’s two million acres have been stewarded and protected by First Peoples since time immemorial,” Cooper said. “We hold seriously our responsibility to ensure treaty lands are honoured.”

Amber Miller, a descendant of Nahneebahwequay and a Haudenosaunee Mohawk edu-

cator, spoke emotionally about learning more about her ancestor through research and advocacy work.

“I can’t help but be so very proud of being a descendant of such a strong woman,” Miller said.

Miller thanked organizers and community members for the work put into the installation and reflected on reconnecting with extended family members through the process.

Artist Dave General, who created the monument, dedicated part of his remarks to Indigenous women and the enduring role they play within communities.

“Ladies, all your strength... You are protectors of the water, of the land, protectors of all that the Creator has given to us,” General said.

He also reflected on the permanence of the installation and its role in preserving language and history for future generations.

“This is my language. My language is stone,” he said. “It is going to be here a lot longer than I am.”

King said the monument is intended to encourage education, reflection and dialogue while helping ensure the legacy of Nahneebahwequay and the history of the MCFN continue to be recognized and remembered.



From left: Chief Margaret Sault and Carolyn King, Founder of Moccasin Identifier

Sharing Knowledge, Building Connections



MCFN welcomes Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) delegates for a day of land-based learning and cultural exchange

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) was honoured to welcome delegates from the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) “Wise Practices Gathering” for a day of shared learning, connection, and reflection.

As part of the gathering, representatives from Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) visited us to learn more about our community-led education programs and the approaches that guide our work with children and families. The visit created space not only to showcase our programs, but to exchange ideas grounded in culture, land-based learning, and community wellbeing.

Delegates were welcomed by

MCFN educators, who shared their journey of developing and growing programs that reflect the values, teachings, and needs of our community. Throughout the morning, visitors toured several of MCFN’s Early Years education spaces, including the outdoor classroom, child care centre, EarlyON centre, and inquiry-based kindergarten classrooms.

A highlight of the visit was the outdoor classroom, where delegates witnessed firsthand how land-based learning fosters curiosity, resilience, and deep connection to the natural world. Despite rainy and muddy conditions, MCFN children remained fully engaged in their learning—

exploring, playing, and thriving outdoors. For many visitors, this powerful moment demonstrated the strength of creating learning environments that embrace the land in all seasons.

The impact of the visit was deeply felt among the delegates. As one attendee shared:

“It’s such a privilege to be here. I’m in awe—I’m at a loss for words.”

Following the tours, delegates

participated in a presentation focused on transition from traditional classroom learning to outdoor learning. The session highlighted the importance of allowing children to explore freely, build confidence, and develop essential life skills through hands-on experiences. MCFN educators also shared practical steps for communities interested in developing their own forest and outdoor learning spaces—encouraging delegates to start small, but dream big!

In the afternoon, the group travelled to Hagersville to visit MCFN's off-territory child care and EarlyON programs, further showcasing the breadth of services available to support families both on- and off-territory.

This visit was a meaningful opportunity for relationship-building and knowledge-sharing between MCFN and NAN communities. It reflects a shared commitment to supporting children and families through culturally grounded, community-driven approaches to education.

MCFN extends heartfelt thanks to the delegates for their openness, engagement, and willingness to learn alongside us. We are proud to have shared our space, our stories, and our work—and we look forward to continuing these important conversations in the future.



May at LSK: A Month of Learning, Growth, and Celebration

From science and sports to community events, students made the most of every opportunity this month.

May has been another busy and exciting month at Lloyd S. King! Our students have been engaged in many memorable learning opportunities, athletic events, and community activities.

Students in Grades 1–8 proudly participated in our annual Science Fair, showcasing their creativity, curiosity, and scientific thinking. It was wonderful to see the hard work and enthusiasm that students put into their projects.

Our Grade 1–3 students have continued their weekly swimming lessons at the YMCA in Brantford. These lessons have helped students build confidence and

develop important water safety skills. Our final swimming session will take place on June 4.

Our Junior and Intermediate 3-Pitch teams represented LSK with pride at the Six Nations/MCFN tournament. We are very proud of their teamwork, sportsmanship, and effort throughout the competition.

Grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to attend the Epic Job Fair, where they explored a variety of career pathways and learned more about future opportunities available to them. It was a valuable experience that encouraged students to begin thinking about their goals and interests for the future.

We are also looking forward to two exciting events for the school community. Family Trivia Night, held on May 27th, brought families together for an evening of fun and friendly competition. Students also took part in the annual Track and Field Day on May 29th, where they demonstrated their athletic skills, perseverance, and school spirit.

Miigwech to our staff, families, and community members for continuing to support the many opportunities that make LSK such a special place to learn and grow!

WINNERS:

Junior Division

1st Place:
Lexx Miller (4/5A)

2nd Place:
Kaliah King &
Amaia Gonzalez (4/5B)

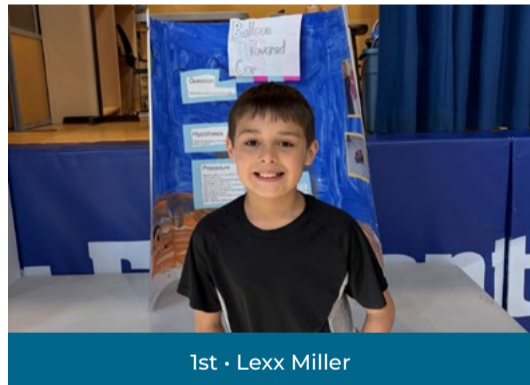
3rd Place:
Alyssa Howick &
Aubree Henry-Martin (4/5A)

Intermediate Division
1st Place:
Genevieve Martinson-Sault

2nd Place:
Richard McKenzie &
Jaxon Bennett

3rd Place:
Payton LaForme &
Ellie McDonald

Miigwech to all our young scientists for their effort, innovation, and enthusiasm!



1st • Lexx Miller



1st • Genevieve Martinson-Sault



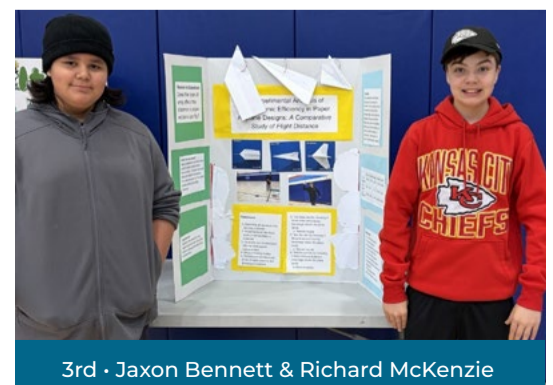
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Department of Lifelong Learning

A Time of Sweetness & Ceremony — Welcome to June 2026!

The Ojibwe word for June is Ode'imini Giizis, meaning "Strawberry Moon." Strawberries are a gift from the Creator and are used in ceremonies. We celebrate June 29th as the Strawberry Moon. The first day of summer is June 21st.

LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- June 22nd: School is closed
- June 23rd: Report cards go home
- June 25th: Last day of school

SIX NATIONS POLYTECHNIC SECONDARY SCHOOL (FORMERLY STEAM)

- June 19th: Exams
- June 22nd: National Indigenous Peoples Day — No School
- June 23rd, 24th, & 25th: Exams
- Last day of school: June 26th

"Education is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today" - Malcolm X

GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

- June 18, 22nd-25th Exams
- June 26th PA Day
- June 29th-30th Holidays

HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

- Exams: June 19th, 22nd, and 25th

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Father's Day is June 21st. Let's celebrate dad!
- Summer arrives on June 21st.
- Staff attended the MCFN Historical Gathering at the Community Centre.
- Lifelong Learning also had a table set up at the MCFN Job and Career Fair on May 14th.

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Welcoming the Strawberry Moon

13 MOONS - ANISHINAABE CALENDAR



ODEMIN D'BIK-GIIZIS - STRAWBERRY MOON - JUNE

As we enter Ode'imini Giizis, the Strawberry Moon, we move into a time of sweetness, gratitude, and connection. This moon honours the strawberry, a sacred gift from the Creator, known as a "heart berry" for its shape and the teachings it carries about love, reconciliation, and community.

The Strawberry Moon marks a season of first fruits, when the earth begins to offer her abundance. It is a time to gather, to give thanks, and to share in the gifts that sustain us. With the arrival of the summer solstice on June 21st, the days grow long and full, inviting us to embrace

warmth, growth, and renewal in both the land and ourselves. This is a time of celebration and reflection—a moment to reconnect with one another, honour the cycles of nature, and carry forward the teachings that come with the ripening of the berries and the turning of the season.

As we gather under the Strawberry Moon, we also recognize June as Indigenous History Month—a time to honour the voices, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. It is an opportunity to deepen our understanding, reflect on shared histories, and celebrate the strength and resilience carried through generations. In the spirit of the strawberry's teachings, this month invites us to come together in respect, learning, and community.

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-MINOR (Newborn-17 Years) 2026-2027

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 NOT REQUIRED.**
- ** 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 <i>(as it appears on Status Card):</i>		CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER <i>(10 Digit):</i>	
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; margin-top: 10px;"> / / YYYY MM DD </div>	
LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(including area code):</i>	

CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Pick Up (L & M Office, 6 First Line. ID required at pick up) <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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<div style="font-size: 2em; color: red; font-weight: bold; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">X</div> Parent/Guardian Signature Date	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ 1,500.00
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----- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -----

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:	
1500	00	0	00

Account Number:	64 300
Dept. Number:	100 030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Date Received _____

Department Signature: _____

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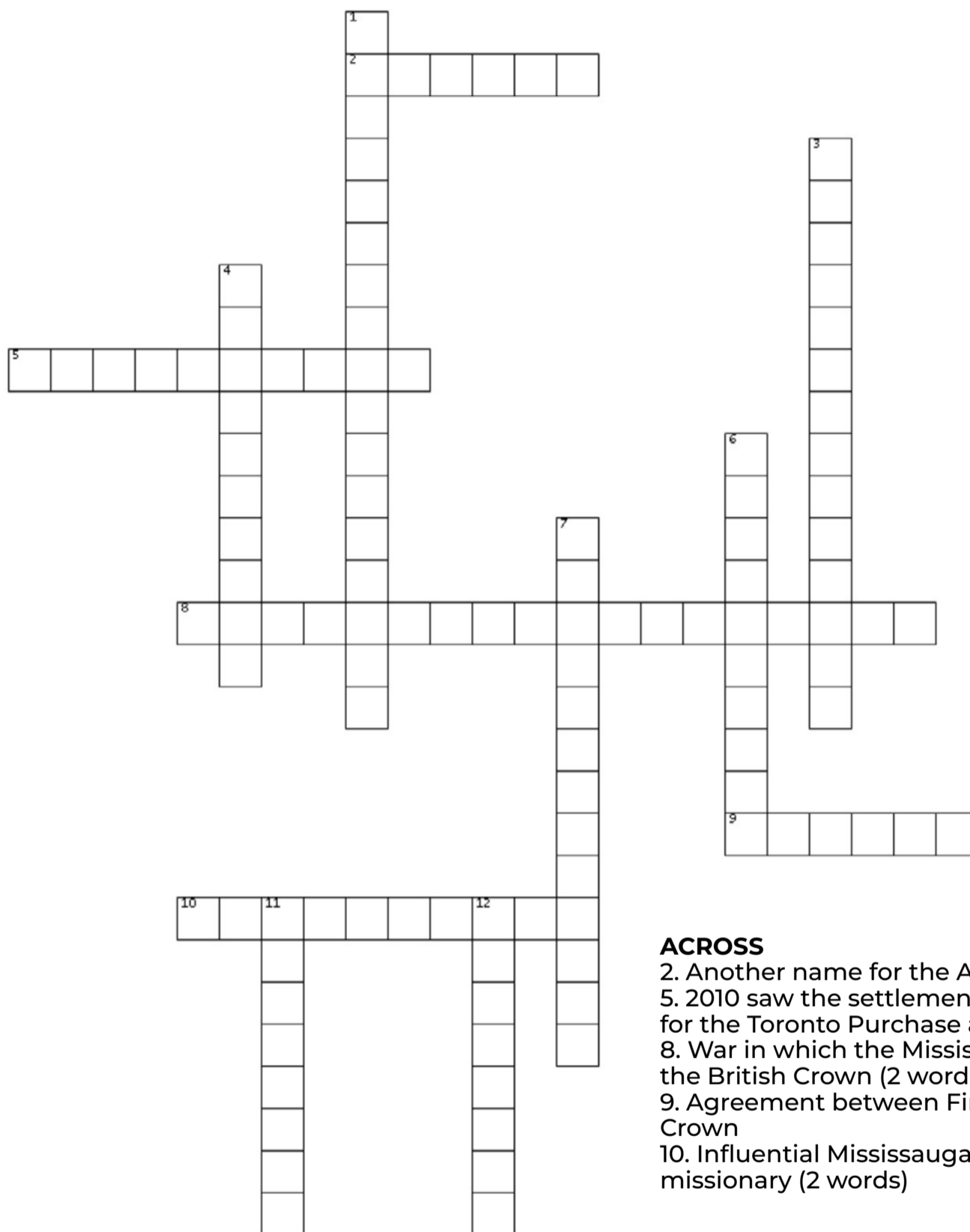


Upcoming Events

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FAMILY ARCHERY	JUNE 1, 2, 8, 15, 16, 22	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
WOMEN'S SHARING TIME	MONDAYS JUNE 1, 8, 15, 29	6 - 9 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
MEN'S GROUP	TUESDAYS JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6 - 9 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	TUESDAY JUNE 2, 9, 23, 30	12 - 1:30 P.M.	MCFN COUNCIL HOUSE
BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT GROUP	WEDNESDAY JUNE 3	12 - 1:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
FITNESS WITH BABY	WEDNESDAY JUNE 10	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION - SESSION 1	MONDAY JUNE 15TH	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
FATHER'S DAY DINNER	THURSDAY JUNE 18	5:30 - 7:30 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION - SESSION 2	FRIDAY JUNE 26	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
HEP C, HIV TESTING	FRIDAY JUNE 26	1 - 3 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
TORONTO ZOO DAY TRIP	SUNDAY JUNE 21ST	9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	LEAVES FROM SOCIAL & HEALTH
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (JUNE 21ST FALLS ON WEEKEND)	OBSERVED MONDAY JUNE 22	-	OFFICES CLOSED
CLAIRVOYANT MEDIUM GLORIA BRYDGES REGISTRATION	TUESDAY JUNE 23RD ONLY	OPENS AT 8:30 A.M.	CHELSEA.KING@MNCFN.CA 226-387-8424
LUNCH & LEARN: SUN SAFETY	WEDNESDAY JUNE 24	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
CRAFT DAY: RIBBON JACKET	THURSDAY JUNE 25TH	1 - 3 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
CLAIRVOYANT MEDIUM GLORIA BRYDGES	FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH	9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH

Culture Quest Games

Put your MCFN history knowledge to the test!



ACROSS

2. Another name for the Anishinaabe people
 5. 2010 saw the settlement of the land claims for the Toronto Purchase and the ___ (2 words)
 8. War in which the Mississaugas supported the British Crown (2 words)
 9. Agreement between First Nations and the Crown
 10. Influential Mississauga leader and missionary (2 words)

DOWN

1. British law recognizing First Nations land rights issued in 1763 (2 words)
 3. Process of restoring relationships after injustice
 4. Three Fires Confederacy is formed of Ojibway, Odawa, and ____
 6. Sacred record-keeping and agreement object used in diplomacy (2 words)
 7. Name of our village prior to the present New Credit location (2 words)
 11. Before it was called the Credit River, it was known as Missinnihe or ____ Creek
 12. Last name of French explorer who had the first recorded encounter with the Mississaugas

STUCK ON A CLUE?

Scan the QR code or visit the MCFN Timeline to explore the story and find the answers:
mncfn.ca/mcfn-timeline





Vision Statement in Anishinaabemowin:

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

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