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Aanii! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and the beautiful weather.

July has been another busy month, but it was rewarding to be part of all of the events, meetings and networking opportunities.

In-Community Events

Due to national and our PTO's annual assemblies, Council cancelled 2 of our regularly scheduled meetings to permit the table to take part in these events. Council did however, hold their in-community meetings on July 6th and July 28th, along with a Special Meeting on July 27th.

On July 7th, MCFN hosted the FIFA fan festival. It was amazing! The big screen was set up and we collectively watched 2 major games in the middle of the LSK field. I think they were the best two games played! Lots of excitement and activities for families to enjoy. I hope everyone had fun. Chi-miigwech to all the volunteers and the organizers. Many hands make little work, and when we work together, great things happen.

On July 17, I attended the evening events at the community centre, hosted by Indigenous Tourism Ontario. There were 2 chefs featured and they cooked traditional foods. I enjoyed the seal meat, it was delicious. To end the night, there were two drone shows. The first one was related to the Seven Grandfathers Teachings and the second was related to the Indian Act. There was a good turnout, even though the smoke from the wildfires was affecting the area.

On July 18, our annual community picnic was held. Due to the on-going smoke from the wildfires and the risk of thunderstorms, a decision was made to host the event inside the community centre. Even with that turn of events, the food was great, there was good music provided by James Wilson, and having the opportunity to visit and catch up with each other made it all still worth it. Chi-miigwech to Social Services staff for always going the extra mile to make the Community Picnic a wonderful event.

On July 25, our monthly community meeting was held. Peace Hills Trust was in attendance and provided a very positive update on the Toronto Purchase Trust, Rouge River Valley Trust and the Bare Trust. These reports can be viewed on the Members only section of the website. Following this, Crime Stoppers provided a very informative presentation on their program.

Council Representation

On July 1st, I welcomed new citizens to the City of Toronto. MCFN has been attempting to have input into the ceremony but also in the education of the new citizens. I was surprised to see the video that was played prior to the start. It was First Nations welcoming them to our lands and the pledge was a commitment to learn about the First people. It was refreshing to see and hear.

On July 13th, I travelled to Ottawa to attend the annual general meeting of the Assembly of First Nations, held July 14th to the 16th, and on July 20th, I travelled to Belleville to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) on July 21st to the 23rd in Tyendinaga. This was my first time attending these political meetings as Chief. It was exciting and challenging to hear the magnitude of political issues that First Nations face. It brings to my mind the saying, "you think you have problems, but there is someone that has more." I am also reminded of how blessed MCFN people are and to be thankful for what we do have. As a means of keeping our membership aware of some of these political issues at hand, we hope to have upcoming presentations

in the near future.

On July 19th, I had the pleasure of welcoming the world to the YMCA World Council. Delegates from all over the world came to the gathering. I also had the opportunity to attend the lighting of a sacred fire in Nathan Phillips Square. The YMCA offers so much to so many communities. I met leaders in different areas that could include MCFN in some of the programs and services that they offer and am hoping to make connections in the near future.

On July 24th, I provided a welcoming and opening remarks during the opening of the Biidaasige Park on the Toronto Waterfront. They have built a beautiful park space in the flood lands of the Don River. They have now 50 acres that have been built up for everyone to enjoy. Miigwech to Firekeepers Dan Secord and Allen King for the fire teachings and to Valarie King for the Water Ceremony. Biidaasige Park is beautiful. It is worth a day to go enjoy the parks, Lake Ontario and the atmosphere of just being near the water.

Following this park opening, I travelled to Niagara Falls to meet with Chief Solomon Atlookan of Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope). His community was evacuated due to the smoke from the wildfires. The Chief reached out to meet with MCFN and Six Nations' chiefs for support while they are displaced from their homes. MCFN asked how we can help them. They want political support to ensure the governments provide the financial aid in their time of emergency.

Upcoming Events

As a reminder, there will be no community meeting during the month of August.

Our annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow is quickly approaching. The event kicks off with an evening concert under the tent August 21st, with the pow wow running on August 22nd and 23rd. Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. both days, everyone is welcome!

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Civic Day long weekend. One more month until back to school already!

COUNCILLOR LESLIE MARACLE



In April I attended the NATOA Conference held in Ottawa. This conference gave us insight into options when doing per capita distributions.

I was asked to join an Indigenous Advisory Circle with Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program. This Circle is hoping to bring together many facets of Health to design Cultural Humility training for all employees within their catchment area and strengthen relationships.

I was invited to do an opening for AgeCare Wenleigh in Mississauga to celebrate their 25th anniversary. I also did an opening and closing for the CASN Biennial Canadian Nursing Education Conference in Mississauga.

I attended the Annual Grand River Prayer Breakfast in Fisherville with the Chief and some other Councillors.

Council had a special council meeting in Niagara Falls. We had a heavy agenda, we were unable to complete it. We discussed our pillars and the 7 Generation Plan. I travelled home Thursday evening to attend the Community Trust AGM.

In May, I had a virtual meeting with St. Joseph's Health in Guelph regarding the old age home. I also attended a meet and greet with Peel Child and Family Services to build relationships on an ongoing basis.

MCBC held their annual general meeting which council attended.

I attended an initial virtual meeting with Falls Law Group to discuss options on how to have enforceable laws in our community.

I was invited to do an opening for the Sash Bear Walk in Toronto. It was a wet and rainy day but there were many people to support the walk. This foundation supports families dealing with mental health issues and support those with emotional dysregulation.

Within the community I attended the Mother's Day Event and MCFN/HN Victim Services Opening Ceremony. Beautiful events.

I was unable to make the community meeting as I supported BCHS' bed race. They raised \$40,000 approximately to buy new beds.

June was a crazy month for me personally, but I was still able to get my meetings done. June 11th was a great evening for a social with the different Nations involved with the opening ceremonies at FIFA.

Council had a special council meeting in Niaga-

ra Falls where we followed up with our previous meeting and discussed the organizational chart.

MCFN/HN Victim Services held their annual general meeting virtually. I attended a webinar called the Red Road Indigenous Healing in Addiction Recovery. I think this webinar has given insight into possibly creating a new position in Toronto for one of our members to help provide our culture in the healing process.

I provided Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga with an opening for their Indigenous Month Celebration, unfortunately, I couldn't make our Father's Day Event as it was the same night.

The Chief and I had tea with Mayor Shelly Bentley, Councillor Debera McKeen and MPP Bobbi Ann Brady. It was a great day to build relationships for our communities.

I attended the LSK awards ceremony and ended the month by hosting the "Gathering in a Good Way" to close out Indigenous History Month. Miigwech to Youth Council for collaborating on this event with me.

My last United Way Haldimand Norfolk meeting was at the end of April. UWHN has amalgamated with Brant, Halton, Hamilton and Niagara and is now called United Way Golden Horseshoe. It has been a pleasure to serve on your board.

I continue to serve on the Child and Family Services Grand Erie and Police Service Board. Our quarterly meeting for ALFDC happened in Tyendinaga.

I have attended sessions with AIAI regarding Health and Social strategic planning, C-92 Review and the Ontario Final Agreement.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the July community meeting as I will be supporting the Jays Care Indigenous Rookie League in Curve Lake. I am attending the AFN and the AIAI AGM in July.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at Lesliem@mncfn.ca, 226-387-8851 or my personal cell 519-717-7205.

Remember, I am here to help.

Baamaapii

COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



June 4, 2026: A virtual meeting with the Chiefs of Ontario on language took place on June 4, 2026. The working group is the CTCLL, Chiefs and Technical Committee on Languages and Learning. On the same day there was an in-person meeting with faculty of George Brown College, Toronto. The meeting was led by Chief Margaret Sault, to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding between the College and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

A strategic planning focus group for the Toronto History Museum took place on the afternoon of June 4. A group joined a virtual meeting to provide input on how the Museum should operate and what should be offered for the public to view.

June 8, 2026: I travelled to Niagara Falls for a special Council meeting with our facilitator Bob Watts. We have decided Council should be scheduling more professional development days.

June 10, 2026: On June 10, 2026, I met with a few faculty of the Wilfrid Laurier University Brantford Campus. We met to discuss how the MCFN history and culture can be taught at the University. We will now continue to complete a Memorandum of Understanding, which will be presented to the MCFN Chief and Council. An official signing will take place later (date to be determined). Wilfrid Laurier also hosted an Open House at 111 Darling Street, Brantford Campus. The Indigenous Student Services building which is also a place that offers student services and a classroom and community room.

The MCFN Board of Lifelong Learning met to complete their terms of reference. The document will be presented to the MCFN Chief and Council sometime in August 2026.

June 16-18, 2026: The Rama First Nation was the host Nation for the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), for the 2026 Annual General Assembly. Resolutions were passed by the Chiefs of Ontario through three days of discussion. Some of the requests were very heart breaking for family members.

June 23, 2026: Our grade 8 students' graduation was held on Tuesday June 23, 2026. Good luck to all of grade 8 graduates who will be enrolling in Grade 9 this September! It was wonderful to hear of our graduates' dreams for the future and things they like to do. Each student entered the community centre while the Principal, Mr. Matthew King introduced them.

June 27, 2026: Thank you to everyone who attended the community meeting. We know that with everyone's busy lives, not everyone can attend each monthly meeting. Thank you also to our members who join us online. A presentation by Councillor Fawn Sault was shared with those online and in person. Councillor Fawn is responsible for Governance this Council Term.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE JULY 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/ Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault		
Jesse Herkimer		
Leslie (Sault) Maracle		
Ashley Sault		
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green		
Larry Sault		
Fawn Sault	July 6th, 2026	Joined meeting via Teams

Environmental Stewardship in Action

Updates from the Department of Consultation & Accommodation

Black Ash Tree Giveaway

In June, the Environment Unit at DOCA distributed black ash trees to 48 households in the community. Black ash trees typically grow in marshy areas and are an important part of our local ecosystem. Black ash is an endangered species so we are especially excited to support their restoration.

We are very grateful to everyone who helped make this initiative a success, including those who came out to pick up their trees. Just a friendly reminder—please continue to water and care for your trees!



Photo Credit: John Bryant



Photo Credit: Dawn Tobicoe

Wellington Climate Change Adaptation Plan Workshop

The Environment Unit at DOCA also hosted the Wellington Climate Change Adaptation Plan Workshop, a community engagement session to help shape Wellington County's climate adaptation plan.

During this session, community members had the opportunity to provide feedback on how the County can improve its climate

resiliency, as well as share their ideas and perspectives on climate adaptation.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make this event a success by contributing to meaningful discussions on food security, climate resilience, adaptation strategies, and sustainable ways of living.



From Left to Right: Clyde King (MCFN Member), Sara Jane Souliere (SL Indigenous Advisory Services), Karen Chisholm (Wellington County), Shreya Agarwal (Urban Equation), Donna Hind (The Planning Partnership), Craig King (MCFN Member), Makayla King (MCFN Member)



New Peacekeeper Building Under Construction

Building a dedicated space to support community safety and the evolving Peacekeeper Service

Construction on the new Peacekeeper building began on June 30th, 2026 next to the library on New Credit Road with completion anticipated between October and November 2026.

The Peacekeeper Service is funded through the Pathways to Safe Indigenous Communities Initiative (PSIC), and administered by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). This funding supports both the Peacekeeper program and the construction of the new building, meaning the costs are covered through PSIC funding and not through MCFN's own-source dollars.

The new facility will provide a dedicated space for Peacekeepers to meet, store equipment and materials, and better support their day-to-day operations. The building will also provide improved internet and phone connectivity, helping the team continue responding to community needs effectively.

The Peacekeeper Service currently consists of ten staff members, including five full-time Peacekeepers, three part-time Peacekeepers, a Peacekeeper Supervisor, and a Peacekeeper Manager.

As a pilot program, the Peacekeeper Service undergoes annual assessments, with the next review scheduled for



Council consideration later this month.

While there were delays in getting the program fully established, the Peacekeeper team continues working to provide meaningful support and expand the range of services available to the community.

The new building was designed with flexibility in mind, recognizing that the needs of the Peacekeeper Service may continue to evolve over time. The space will be able to adapt to future changes and support the continued growth of the program for years to come.

- Suspicious activity: Loitering or unusual vehicles.
- Wellness checks: Concerns about a community member who may need support.
- Community patrols: Driving and foot patrols to monitor roads and community spaces for potential safety concerns.
- Minor disputes: Non-violent arguments or disturbances
- Scene support: Helping monitor an area or guide emergency services to a location.

PEACEKEEPERS CONTACT INFO

Peacekeepers:
905-768-9990

Peacekeeper Supervisor:
548-328-3358

When to Contact the Peacekeepers

Peacekeepers are available to support community safety, respond to non-emergency concerns, and help connect community members with services and resources. Some examples of when you may wish to contact the Peacekeepers include:

For emergencies or immediate danger, call 911.



Rooting for Our Youth: Indigenous Rookie League

Building Community Through Baseball

Our MCFN Indigenous Rookie League team is having an incredible season! Through the Jays Care Indigenous Rookie League, Mississauga communities are coming together to build community, celebrate culture and cheer on our youth.



Throughout the season, communities earn points for things like practices, cultural activities and teachings, traditional language, Elders in attendance, parent and community participation, volunteering, positive sportsmanship, cheering each other on and, most importantly, having fun!

Our team has been keeping busy with warm-ups, team cheers, scrimmages, good sportsmanship, parents' home run derbies, a movie on the diamond and lots of opportunities to bring our community together.



Every point counts! The Mississauga community with the most points at the end of the season will earn the opportunity to attend a Toronto Blue Jays game.

Come out to the MCFN Ball Diamond at 2789 Mississauga Road to cheer on our youth, support the team and help them earn points!

A big chii-miigwech to league coordinator Joanne General, coaches Tim Sault, Tasunke Sugar and Eugene Sawyer, and all of our volunteers for the time, energy and heart they pour into supporting our youth.



Scan the QR code to join the Indigenous Rookie League Facebook group for game updates, photos and more!



Jays Care Foundation Indigenous Rookie League Schedule

Join us at the MCFN Ball Diamond at 2789 Mississauga Road to cheer on our Indigenous Rookie League players.

Tuesday, August 4th
6 p.m.

Thursday, August 6th
6 p.m.

Sunday, August 9th
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Exhibition Games in Hiawatha First Nation

Tuesday, August 11th
6 p.m.

Thursday, August 13th
6 p.m.: Last practice for regular season

Saturday, August 15th
7 p.m.: Activity Night

Tuesday, August 18th
6 p.m.: First National Classic practice

Thursday, August 20th
6 p.m.: National Classic practice

Wednesday, August 26th
- **Friday, August 28th**
National Classic Tournament
Sesquicentennial Park
11333 Bramalea Road
Brampton, ON

SAVE THE DATE!
Year-End Celebrations
Saturday, September 12th
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
MCFN — Exact Location TBD



MCFN Business Spotlight:

Hanna's Gems



Located at 3034 Mississauga Road

Hanna's Gems is a thrift store offering gently used clothing for the whole family, along with footwear, linens, housewares, jewellery, and other treasures—all at reasonable prices!

I've dreamed of opening a thrift store for many years, and in May 2026 that dream finally became a reality. Hanna's Gems is here to provide valuable community service to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN). The store is named after my two granddaughters, who are truly gems in my life.

With the cost of living so high, more people are turning to second-hand shopping as a practical and affordable option—and there are many great deals to be found! Hanna's Gems also welcomes donations of gently used and like-new items. However, due to space limitations, we are unable to accept toys or furniture at this time.



Depending on the size of your donation, you may receive a discount on a same-day purchase. Small donations qualify for a 10% discount, with discounts available up to 30%.

During the last week of each month, a selected item will be offered at a special discount.

All clothing is laundered before it is placed for sale, except items labelled "dry clean only," so you can feel confident that your purchase is fresh and ready to wear.



Come in and check us out at **3034 Mississauga Road, MCFN.**

Weekly Hours:

Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!

We look forward to serving you.



PRICE LIST

**Jeans, Shorts,
T-Shirts, Sweaters,
Dresses** \$2

Heavy Fleece \$3
Spring Jackets \$3 - \$5
Winter Jackets \$5 - \$10
Shoes \$3 - \$5
Dresses \$3 - \$5

Baby Clothes:
Up to 24 Months \$.50
2-6 X \$1

Unless Marked Otherwise

We look forward to seeing you!
 Tell a friend! Bring a friend!

Cash sales only.

If you'd like to see your
 business in the spotlight,
 please reach out to
EcDev@mncfn.ca

Exploring Summer Together

Highlights from EarlyON

"We believe in the potential of every child, the value of play, and the importance of attachment in the development and well-being of children."

Are you looking to get out of the house, connect with other parents and caregivers, or give your children (ages 0-6) opportunities to learn, play, and grow? Come visit MCFN EarlyON! We offer free, warm, and welcoming programs where children and their caregivers can explore, create, and build meaningful connections together.

Stay connected! Check out our monthly calendars in The Eaglepress or online, or scan the QR code to visit the MCFN EarlyON Facebook page for the latest updates!



Summer Programming

We're excited to announce our **Wednesday Drop-In Program**, running every Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.!

Families can look forward to:

- Splash pad adventures
- Water play
- Outdoor exploration
- Nature trail walks
- Open-ended play
- Opportunities to connect with other families

Please come dressed for outdoor fun and be prepared to get wet!

Important Program Updates

Please note that our HSS location will remain closed throughout the summer due to construction. All regularly scheduled EarlyON programming will take place at The HUB during this time.

In addition, our Lloyd S. King location is temporarily closed due to a wildlife issue while the situation is being addressed. The safety of our children, families, and staff remains our highest priority.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please continue to watch our Facebook page, monthly calendar, or contact our team for the most up-to-date information regarding program locations and any schedule changes.

Summer Adventures Are Coming!

We kicked off summer with FIFA! HSS has moved into the HUB! We are so excited to be all together this summer and collaborate. Our families have loved exploring the garden on a, "Garden Scavenger Hunt."

Our team has been busy planning fun opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors together! Throughout the summer, keep an eye out for pop-up programming and community adventures, including:

- Park play dates
- Splash pad fun
- Community adventures and dinners
- Circle time in the park
- We look forward to exploring our community, connecting with families, and creating wonderful summer memories together!





Stay Cool This Summer

As temperatures rise, we're encouraging everyone to stay safe while enjoying the outdoors. Remember to:

- Bring a reusable water bottle and drink plenty of water.
- Wear a hat and lightweight clothing.
- Apply sunscreen before heading outside and reapply as needed.
- Take breaks in the shade.
- Pack extra clothes and towels for water play adventures.
- A little preparation helps everyone have a safe and enjoyable day!



Registration Reminder

With the exception of our Wednesday Drop-In Program, registration is required for all EarlyON programs. Families can register through keyon.com.

If you need assistance registering, please don't hesitate to call or email us—we're always happy to help!

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ECC Registration Information

Waitlist applications are available on the MCFN website, at the ECC office, by scanning this QR code, or by email request to Shannon.King@mncfn.ca or Pam.Bomberry@mncfn.ca. There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.



Note: Expectant parents may add their unborn child to the wait list.

MMCC Registration Information

Waitlist applications are available through the Haldimand Norfolk One List from this QR code.



There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.

Indigenous Reads Book Club

Bad Indians Book Club by
Patty Krawec



In Bad Indians Book Club, readers explore a mix of history, science, gender, and fiction—each written from the perspective of “Bad Indians,”

or marginalized writers whose storytelling challenges dominant narratives and weaves together essays and short stories.

For more information, please reach out to:
bookclub@mncfn.ca

Check out our events page for upcoming Stories & Studio drop-in sessions to discuss Indigenous Reads books, connect, and work on your sewing or beading projects in a welcoming space.

Also, author Patty Krawec will join us for an evening of conversation and connection on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026!

Anishinaabemowin Word of the Month:

Nibi
(knee-bee)

which means:
Water²

Summer is a wonderful time to practice Anishinaabemowin together. While you're playing at the splash pad, visiting the lake, or enjoying water play, try using the word Nibi with your little ones throughout the day.



Celebrating 22 Years of Dedication

A Fond Farewell to
Kathie Thompkins



This month, we said farewell to a beloved member of our team. After 22 years of dedicated service, Kathie Thompkins has retired from her role, leaving behind a lasting impact on the children, families, and community she has supported over the years.

Kathie was a celebrity to the children at the Centre, known for her kindness, care, and of course, her famous home-cooked meals that will be greatly missed. Her commitment and passion helped create a warm and nurturing environment for so many children and families.

We wish Kathie all the best as she begins this new chapter and we hope she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

Miigwech, Kathie, for your years of dedication, care, and the many memories you helped create.



New Spaces, New Connections

Highlights from Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre & Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care

After one month the children didn't take long to adjust to their new environment, new friends, and new educators. The staff seem to be getting used to working with each other as they continue to create a stimulating environment for the children.

This merging for the summer is a good opportunity for them to share their knowledge and experience with each other as they work together.

Look out for ECC Pop-Up events coming through the summer. We will be sending out reminders as each activity approaches.

Our School Garden is Growing

Highlights from Food Service

There's nothing better than watching our school garden come to life. Our lettuce is thriving with beautiful, crisp leaves, and the corn is growing taller everyday.

The garden has become a wonderful space where students can learn about planting, caring for living things, and the importance of healthy foods.

From preparing the soil to watering and watching our plants grow, every step has a valuable hands-on experience. We are excited to continue harvesting and sharing the fruits (and veggies) of our hard work. Stay tuned for more garden updates as we grow together.



FREE Tutoring Available For MCFN Families!

Does your child need an academic boost? From elementary basics to high school success, we have you covered. **Get personalized learning support at no cost to your family!**

Locations:

Sylvan Learning Centre
155 Lynden Road, Brantford, ON
Mondays: 3 - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays - Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fridays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

MCFN Library
468 New Credit Road,
Hagersville, ON
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
4 - 8 p.m.

Custom Tutoring Options:

If you prefer another tutoring establishment, we can work with you!

To get started:

Call Sylvan Learning Centre at 519-757-0325 to book an assessment

Sylvan will assess your child and recommend a tailored plan.

Billing approval is sent directly to the MCFN Lifelong Learning Department.

Questions?

MCFN Lifelong Learning Department
(905)768-0516

Department of Lifelong Learning

Aanii, and welcome to the midpoint of summer. The “dog days of summer” run from July 3rd to August 11th each year and are often known as the hottest, most sweltering weeks in the Northern Hemisphere.

August is known as Manoominike Giizis, or “Ricing Moon.” This month marks the beginning of the wild rice harvest, an important time in the Ojibwe year. Families and community members may head out in canoes to harvest manoomin from lakes and rivers, following traditional practices that honour this sacred food. Manoomin continues to hold deep cultural, spiritual, and community meaning, and the harvest is often accompanied by ceremonies and teachings that give thanks.

August 28th is Sturgeon Moon. Alternative moon names, Flying Up Moon, Corn Moon, Harvest Moon, and Mountain Shadows Moon.

As we enjoy these last weeks of summer, we are also beginning to prepare for the return to school.

Please review the reminders below so your family is ready for a smooth start in September.

Important Reminders:

- Holiday Monday, September 7th - Labour Day
- LSK Elementary students return to school on September 8th
- GEDSB students start school on September 8th
- BHNCD SB students start school on September 8th
- If you would still like your 2026 graduation photo included in the Eaglepress, please contact the department
- **High school student information forms are now available on the website and Facebook. These forms must be completed in full before students can ride the bus. Scan QR code for the form and submit to LLClerk@mncfn.ca ASAP!**
- Bus schedules will be ready in later this month



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Updates From The Post-Secondary Desk

Supporting students through applications, opportunities, and next steps



When considering post-secondary education, it is helpful to think about the career opportunities your studies may support. For example, have you considered applying to CN Rail, either while you are still a student or after graduation?

At CN, students and recent graduates can explore a dynamic and diverse work environment with opportunities for professional growth. CN offers rewarding internship roles for full-time students in applicable fields who have recently graduated or completed at least one year of their program. CN offers much more than train operations, with career pathways across a wide range of fields.

Ontario Parks also offers employment opportunities, including summer positions and full-time roles. Summer students support Ontario Parks in many different areas, including administrative support, backcountry ranger positions, and park store clerk roles. A full list of opportunities is available on the Ontario Parks careers page.

Hospitals and larger health organizations offer more than clinical roles. They may also hire air and vacuum technicians, social workers, finance and payroll staff, data entry clerks, information technology professionals, and food services workers. These organizations are worth considering as part of your career exploration.

If you are interested in working at sea, the Canadian Coast Guard offers co-op opportunities and employment pathways for students.

Great Lakes shipping is another career area to explore. Great Lakes Maritime Careers also offers a newsletter for those interested in learning more about opportunities in the sector. For those considering the Canadian Armed Forces, there are training programs and career pathways available for Indigenous Peoples. Some CAF pathways may also support post-secondary education. Skilled trades applicants may wish to review current recruitment bonus opportunities.

If you are interested in heritage, culture, or museum-related careers, consider exploring opportunities through the Canadian Museum of History. Some internship opportunities are designed to help participants gain career-related skills and may not require applicants to be registered post-secondary students.

There are many possible pathways from education to career. Exploring several options before making a decision can help students identify programs, credentials, and career directions that best align with their interests and goals. Resources such as the Ontario Transfer and Pathways Guide can help students discover new education and career pathways.

Students can combine this information with program options available through the Ontario Colleges Application Service, the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, and Indigenous Institutes to make informed decisions about a path that supports their long-term goals.

For hyperlinks to all of these resources, scan the QR code below:

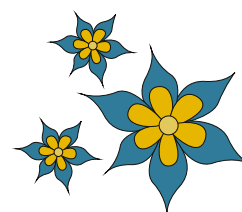


Post-Secondary Application Due Dates

Spring/Summer (May-August): Opens December 1; closes February 1.

Fall/Winter: Opens March 1; closes May 1.

Winter (January-April): Opens August 1; closes October 1.



Celebrating Our Graduates: Post-Secondary!



JEFFERY HERKIMER
Master of Education
University of
Prince Edward Island



MIRANDA KING-GREEN
Bachelor of Arts •
Ogwehoweh Languages
Six Nations Polytechnic



MANDY MULHOLLAND
Social Service Worker
Mohawk College

Residential Construction Certificate
OGWEHOWEH Skills and Trades
Training Centre



JARRED POLLACK
Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
University of Minnesota Morris



OLIVIA SARDINE
Honours Bachelor of Science
Health Science &
Indigenous Studies Minor
University of Waterloo

Gichi-minochigeg gakina gikinoo'amaaganag!
Great job to all of the students!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates and students on their accomplishments this year. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have led you to this important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

We will continue to add graduate names and photos as permission is received. For more information, please contact LLClerk@mncfn.ca.

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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): / / YYYY MM DD	
LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(including area code)</i> :	

CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cheque Pick Up <i>(L & M Office, 6 First Line. ID required at pick up)</i> ☐ Cheque Mail Out <i>(Ensure address is complete, including city and postal/zip code)</i>	☐ Direct Deposit (Canada Only)* ☐ On File ☐ New Account <i>(Include void cheque or direct deposit form)</i>
X <i>Parent/Guardian Signature Date</i>	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ 1,500.00

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

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

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

Date Received _____

Department Signature: _____

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM - ADULT 2026-2027

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- ** QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS **ARE NOT REQUIRED**.**
- ** 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):	
EMAIL ADDRESS:		TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code):	

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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)

X	Total Receipts:
	Amount: \$ 1,500.00
Signature	Date

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☐ Firearms License ☐ Proof of POA/Decision-Making Authority

Amount Claimed:		Remaining Balance:	
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Date Received _____

Department Signature: _____

SCAN QR CODE
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VISIT
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Upcoming Events

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
DEWE'IGNAIKE LET'S MAKE A DRUM!	SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST	10 A.M. - 3 P.M.	OLD DAYCARE
MOBILE CANCER SCREENING BUS	TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	WELLNESS HOUSE 4136 HWY 6, HAGERSVILLE
KAYAK & ECO-SKILLS CAMP (AGES 8-13)	AUGUST 4TH - 7TH	-	-
YOUTH DAY CAMP REGISTRATION (AGES 13-17)	TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH	4:30 - 6 P.M.	OLD DAYCARE
SUMMER DAY CAMP 3RD SESSION REGISTRATION	TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5TH	12 - 1:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
SEVEN-WEEK GRIEVING WORKSHOP	AUGUST 5TH - SEPTEMBER 16TH	5 - 7 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
YOUTH TRIP TO MEDIEVAL TIMES	THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH	-	CONTACT DARIENNE FOR MORE INFO 226-920-9439
FASD AWARENESS & FAMILY FUN GOLF DAY	SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH	10 A.M.	FESCUE'S EDGE
INDIGENOUS READS: A CONVERSATION WITH PATTY KRAWEC	TUESDAY AUGUST 11TH	5 - 8 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
HUNTING • FISHING • HARVESTING COMMUNITY MEETING	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH	5 - 9 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE: ACTIVITY NIGHT	SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH	7 P.M.	MCFN BALL DIAMOND 2789 MISSISSAUGA RD
OW PAPERWORK DUE	AUGUST 16TH - 20TH	BEFORE 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
THREE FIRES HOMECOMING POW WOW VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP & BBQ	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH	5:30 - 8 P.M.	2789 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
38TH ANNUAL THREE FIRES HOMECOMING POW WOW & TRADITIONAL GATHERING	AUGUST 22ND - 23RD	GATES OPEN 11 A.M.	MCFN POW WOW GROUNDS
LAND BASED HEALING CAMP	AUGUST 24TH - 28TH	-	CONTACT DARIENNE FOR MORE INFO 226-920-9439
BASIC MICROSOFT OFFICE COMPUTER TRAINING	AUGUST 26TH - 27TH	8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.	WELLNESS HOUSE 4136 HWY 6, HAGERSVILLE
CHILDREN & FAMILIES IMPACTED BY ADDICTIONS THROUGH THE GENERATIONS	AUGUST 26TH & 27TH	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SEPTEMBER OW ASSISTANCE PICK-UP	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST	-	SOCIAL & HEALTH
INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE: YEAR END CELEBRATIONS	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH	11 A.M. - 5 P.M.	TBD FOR DETAILS CONTACT JO.GENERAL5@LIVE.COM

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Word Search: Colours!

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OZHAASSHKWAA (green)

OZAAWMIINGAANDE (orange)

ZHOOMNAANDE (purple)

OZAAWAA (yellow, mustard plant)

MSKWA (red, colour of blood)

MIINAANDE (blue)

WAABSHKAA (white)

WAABAANDE (gray)

ZHOONIIYAAWAANDE (silver, coin-coloured)

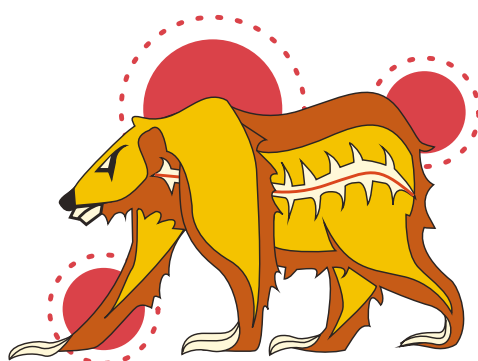
KIIYAANDE (brown)

MKADEWAA (black)

GIINIIWAANDE (pink)

GIIZHGAANDE (sky blue)

ZAAWZI (brown/yellow/orange)





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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